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Above: Staff Sgt. Dan Miller, commander of the Iraqi Express spare-parts convoy, strides toward the lead gun truck as the convoy takes a break last week. Left: Spc. David Wallace, 19, of Eaton, Ohio, sits in the gunner's mount atop an armored Humvee from the 518th Gun Truck Company, a provisional unit of National Guardsmen from Ohio, North and South Carolina, Virginia and Louisiana.



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States

Presidential run: Cameron F. Kerry says it's "conceivable" his brother, Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kerry, will run for president in 2008, despite a close loss to President Bush last week. "He's in a position of national leadership," Cameron Kerry told the Boston Globe in an interview published Tuesday. "He's going to exercise that role and be a voice for the 55 million people who voted for him. The position he's in gives him a bully pulpit."

Bush won re-election by carrying 51 percent of the national vote. Kerry is "profoundly disappointed," said Cameron Kerry, who has spoken to his brother several times about his political future since the Massachusetts Democrat conceded the race last Wednesday.

Nightclub fire: Station nightclub owners Jeffrey and Michael Dierdarian must respond to civil suits filed against them, and cannot delay the suits until the criminal case against them is settled, a federal judge has ruled.

U.S. District Judge Ronald Lagueux ruled on Monday, however, that the Dierdarians cannot be deposed and do not have to answer more detailed questions from victims' lawyers at this point.

The brothers and Daniel Biechele, the former manager for the rock band Great White, each face 200 counts of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the Feb. 20, 2003, fire at the West Warwick, R.I., nightclub.

Super Bowl blunder: CBS has called for the cancellation of a \$550,000 federal fine for producing the Super Bowl halftime show during which Janet Jackson's breast was exposed.

CBS, a subsidiary of Viacom Inc., argued in a 78-page letter to the Federal Communications Commission dated Friday that the "costume reveal" wasn't foreseeable.

"No one at the network knew, or had reason to suspect, that the halftime show would end with a glimpse of nudity," CBS said. Yet the fine, announced in September, "is based on the premise that Viacom 'planned' and 'touted' what it did not know would happen," CBS added.

Military

Army rape victim: A lieutenant in the New Jersey National Guard who said she was raped at a base in Mississippi does not have to return there, the Army said.

The woman's lawyer had said that the Army was threatening to prosecute her for being AWOL — or absent without leave — if she did not return to Camp Shelby in Mississippi.

But over the weekend, Lt. Richard Steele, a spokesman for the Georgia-based First United States Army, told reporters the lieutenant could avoid prosecution by reporting to her nearest military installation.

The woman's lawyer, Frederick Klepp, said Monday that he had not gotten any word from the Army. The soldier said she did not trust the military's statement.

Business

H&R Block accused of fraud: Securities regulators have accused H&R Block Financial Advisors of fraud in selling customers nationwide some \$16 million of Enron bonds in late 2001 and touting them as a safe investment when the energy-trading giant had begun to collapse.

The National Association of Securities Dealers, the brokerage industry's self-policing organization, announced its complaint



Ivory Coast cocoa shutdown: A worker shovels up cocoa beans after they have been dried in the sun in Gagnoa in western Ivory Coast. Competition over land to grow cocoa, the key ingredient in chocolate, is fueling a cycle of ethnic violence in Ivory Coast, the world's largest producer where 40 percent of global supply is harvested. Violence in the Ivory Coast has shut down cocoa exports from the world's largest producer, closing ports that ship more than 40 percent of the world's raw material for chocolate, cocoa traders said Tuesday.

Monday against the investment division of the world's largest tax preparer.

World

Fathers' rights dispute: Britain's top family law judge has no time for Batman and Robin.

Dame Elizabeth Butler-Sloss said Tuesday she would not listen to the arguments of a fathers' rights group whose members have dressed up as comic book characters and invaded Buckingham Palace and other monuments in a campaign for more rights to their children.

Butler-Sloss said Fathers 4 Justice was not making a "sensible" argument that would lead to constructive dialogue between parents fighting for access to their children.

Gay marriage: A lesbian couple who wed in Canada can seek to have their union legally recognized in Ireland, a judge ruled Tuesday in a case he predicted would have deep consequences for this predominantly Catholic country.

High Court Justice Liam McKechnie said lawyers representing Ann Louise Gilligan and Katherine Zappone had presented an arguable case that merited a full hearing, likely to take place next year.

Gilligan and Zappone — who were married in British Columbia in September 2003 within months of the legalization of same-sex marriage there — are the first gay couple in Ireland to go to court to seek state recognition of a foreign marriage.

Turkish EU membership: Finland and Bulgaria on Tuesday welcomed the possible opening of EU accession talks for Turkey, but stressed that the country must meet all membership requirements before being accepted into the 25-member bloc.

President Tarja Halonen said Finland continues to be "positive about Turkey approaching the European Union."

"It's great that Turkey has progressed so much in this question in recent months," Halonen said at a news conference with visiting Bulgarian President George Parvanov.

Afghanistan kidnappings: Two of three U.N. workers kidnapped in Afghanistan have called home to say they are OK, officials and relatives said Tuesday, and one hostage said she expected to be released soon.

A spokesman for the Afghan government said "progress has been made" toward end-

ing the crisis. "I'm hopeful that we will see their safe release in the near future," said Javed Ludin.

Two Palestinians shot near border: Israeli troops shot two Palestinians who entered an unauthorized area in the Gaza Strip near the Israeli border early Tuesday, the army said. The conditions of the men weren't immediately known.

Military sources said the men approached a separation fence near Kibbutz Kfar Aza, a communal farming village in southern Israel east of Gaza City. They said there have been several attempts recently to infiltrate Israel and plant explosives in the area.

Milosevic's war crimes trial: Slobodan Milosevic's trial resumed Tuesday at the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal with the court hearing a British lawyer's request to be dismissed as a standby attorney for the former Yugoslav president.

Steven Kay, appointed in September to defend Milosevic against the former leader's will, filed a "motion for withdrawal" on Monday.

He said Milosevic was uncooperative, and many defense witnesses refused to come to court to be questioned by Kay and his assistant, Gillian Higgins.

Steel tariffs complaint: The European Union has asked the World Trade Organization to condemn U.S. antidumping duties that have hit a British steel firm, EU officials said Tuesday.

The EU maintains that the United States is breaching the rules of global commerce through its tariffs of almost 126 percent on imports of stainless steel bars made by British Xcel Special Steels Ltd.

Washington imposed the duties in March 2001, claiming the company was unfairly dumping cheap goods on the U.S. market. The EU counters that the move violated international trade law.

Sudan humanitarian crisis: Sudan's government and Darfur's rebels agreed Tuesday to sign fresh accords meant to stop hostilities and guarantee aid groups access to 1.6 million war-displaced in Sudan's troubled western region of Darfur.

For the first time, Sudan's government agreed to renounce "hostile" military flights over Darfur, apparently setting up a no-fly zone demanded by rebels amid widespread accusations of government bombings of villages.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

U.S. forces battle way to Fallujah's center

At least 16 American troops killed in last two days across Iraq

BY JIM KRANE
The Associated Press

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq — U.S. troops drove into the center of the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah Tuesday, overpowering small bands of guerrillas with massive firepower. The move against Fallujah prompted influential Sunni clerics to call for a boycott of national elections set for January.

The fighting claimed three American lives — part of a surge in casualties that has killed 16 U.S. troops in the past two days across Iraq, U.S. officials said that on Monday, they recorded 130 separate attacks across Iraq.

Prime Minister Ayad Allawi declared a nighttime curfew in Baghdad and its surroundings — the first in the capital for a year — to prevent the insurgents from opening up a "second front" to try to draw American forces away from Fallujah.

Several heavy explosions hit central Baghdad after nightfall Tuesday, followed by the crackle of small arms fire. Armed insurgents, some of them masked, brandished weapons Tuesday in the center of two major Sunni strongholds — Ramadi and Hit — and clashes occurred in Mosul, the major city of northern Iraq.

In Saddam Hussein's hometown, Tikrit, insurgents distributed leaflets warning shopkeepers to close their stores until further notice to protest the attack against Fallujah.

The latest American deaths over the last two days included three in Fallujah on Tuesday, two killed by mortars near the northern city of Mosul and 11 others who died Monday, most of them as guerrillas launched a wave of attacks in Baghdad and southwest of Fallujah.

U.S. deaths were the highest one-day U.S. toll in more than six months.

In Fallujah, however, U.S. troops were advancing more rapidly than in April, when insurgents fought a force of fewer than 2,000 Marines to a standstill in a three-week siege. It ended with the Americans handing over the city to a local force, which lost control to Islamic militants.

This time, however, the U.S. military has sent up to 15,000 U.S. and Iraqi troops into



Iraqi army troops arrive at the railroad station in Fallujah, Iraq, as the U.S. soldiers and Marines pounded the city with airstrikes and artillery early Tuesday. They roared into the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah through a breach near the railroad station at dawn Tuesday.

the battle, backed by tanks, artillery and attack aircraft. More than 24 hours after launching the main attack, U.S. soldiers and Marines had punched through insurgent strongholds in the north and east of Fallujah and had reached the major east-west highway that bisects the city.

U.S. officials offered no estimate of guerrilla losses but before the Monday night attack, the U.S. military reported 42 insurgents killed. Fallujah doctors reported 12 people dead. But since then, there has been no information on Iraqi death tolls.

Electricity has been cut off in the city. Residents said they were without running water and were worried about food shortages because most shops in the city have been closed for the past two days.

Resistance did not appear as fierce as ex-

pected. Small bands of guerrillas, armed with rifles, rocket-propelled grenades, mortars and machine guns, engaged U.S. troops, then fell back in the face of overwhelming fire.

Up to eight attack aircraft — including jets and helicopter gunships — blasted guerrilla strongholds and raked the streets with rocket, cannon and machine gun fire ahead of U.S. and Iraqi infantry who were advancing only one or two blocks behind the curtain of fire.

During operations before dawn Tuesday, U.S. officers said two giant AC-130 gunships emptied their entire arsenals as they cleared the way for ground troops to advance. Early Tuesday, a helicopter gunship destroyed a multiple rocket launcher aimed at the main American camp outside of Fallujah.

"That saved our lives," Col. Michael Formica, commander of the 1st Cavalry Division's 2nd Brigade, told the crew. "We have no idea how many soldiers here were saved by your good work."

Confident U.S. commanders said the operation was running on or ahead of schedule, although they would not say how long they expected the campaign to continue. Iraqi officials designated an Iraqi general to run the city once resistance is broken.

However, the American command said the insurgents had not given up the fight and were massing in the southern half of the city, from which U.S. troops were receiving mortar fire. Some U.S. units were reported advancing south of the main highway but not in strength.

Formica said the security cordon around the city will be tightened to ensure insurgents dressed in civilian clothing don't slip out.

"My concern now is only one — not to allow any enemy to escape. As we tighten the noose around him, he will move to escape to fight another day. I do not want these guys to get out of here. I want them killed or captured as they flee," he said.

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Insurgents resorting to small skirmishes, general says

BY LISA BURGESS
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Insurgents in Fallujah are now resorting to skirmishing in groups of two to six fighters, with commanders who seem only loosely organized, the second-ranking U.S. leader in Iraq said Tuesday.

"Our forces continue to encounter resistance," Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Metz said from Baghdad via teleconference. The enemy is "fighting in small groups as our forces press the attack."

"I personally believe some of the senior leaders have fled," Metz said, including Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, leader of the Iraqi resistance forces. "I would hope not, but I would have to believe [the insurgents understand] the combat power we can bring" to bear.

There remain "leaders in Fallujah



Metz

who are orchestrating [the fight] to the best of the ability," Metz said, "but they are fighting in very small groups without much coherence to the defense."

"I think the enemy is fighting hard, but not to the death, and they are continuing to fall back."

At the same time, the U.S. Marines, soldiers, and other coalition forces are encountering far fewer improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, than they expected.

"We are pleasantly enjoying less IEDs than we thought going through preparation and plan-

ning," Metz said.

Meanwhile, no suicide car bombers have attempted an attack, he said.

"We haven't seen any vehicle-borne IEDs," he said.

While he refused to say how much longer the fight would last, saying that while "I think we're looking at several more days of tough urban fighting," he is also "very pleased with the situation we're facing."

"I would see that the coming days will tell us whether or not the enemy is thickening as he moves back into the city," Metz said. "As the [battle] tempo goes through tonight or tomorrow, we will have a much better feel [for whether it will be a] consistent fight from here on in."

But so far, "All of the coalition force's objectives have been accomplished on or ahead of sched-

ule," Metz said.

With the main battle in Fallujah in its 48th hour when Metz spoke to reporters, the three-star refused to say how many casualties, either enemy or coalition, have died so far in "al Jabar," or "New Dawn" in Arabic.

"Friendly casualties are light," Metz said. "I am pleased by that."

Pressed by reporters for more detail, Metz said, "You can count our casualties in certainly a dozen [but] I would not want to characterize it beyond that. I would like to keep it at a figure that is low, and not state it... because things may go up and fluctuate over time..."

Enemy casualties, meanwhile, "are significantly higher than expected," Metz said, but again refused to estimate number of deaths, saying, "we have not so far in Operational Iraqi Freedom,

nor will we start, body counting."

"But we have imposed significant casualties on the enemy."

Meanwhile, "Iraqi forces have performed admirably, as an integral part" of the battle force, Metz said, despite reports Monday by an embedded National Public Radio reporter that one Iraqi unit that was supposed to fight shrank by 500 men who resigned their positions over the weekend.

Metz has been the second-ranking U.S. leader in Iraq since the war, during which he commanded III Corps. He was named to his current position in July.

He made news briefly in March while visiting the Tikrit headquarters of his corps' 4th Infantry Division, saying he believed U.S. troops would be in Iraq until 2006.

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Commander: Iraqi troops will secure sites

Newly appointed Iraqi leader says his soldiers will lead attack in 'culturally sensitive areas'

The Associated Press

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq — The newly appointed commander of Iraqi troops fighting alongside U.S. forces in Fallujah promised that his soldiers would not be the ones to secure sensitive sites in the insurgent-controlled city.

Maj. Gen. Abdul Qader Mohan, appointed by interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi to lead the Iraqi forces' push in Fallujah, said Tuesday that key targets throughout the city will be handled with sensitivity.

"Iraq forces are leading the attack through culturally sensitive areas," he said. "Areas with schools, hospitals and mosques (will be) under the operational control of the Iraqi army."

An estimated 2,000 Iraqi troops joined 6,000 U.S. Marines and soldiers in invading the rebel city Monday night in a quick, powerful start to an offensive aimed at re-establishing government control ahead of the January elections.

The guerrillas had fought off a bloody Marine offensive against the city in April.

Meanwhile, Allawi's spokesman said the morale of the Iraqi forces fighting in Fallujah was high.

"They do believe that this is their fight and they are in the front line, and they have been working shoulder to shoulder



An Iraqi soldier guards the railroad station in Fallujah, Iraq, as U.S. Army and Marine units pound the city with airstrikes and artillery early Tuesday. U.S. forces entered the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah through a breach near the railroad station at dawn Tuesday.

with multinational forces," said spokesman Thair Hassa al-Naqeeb.

Mohan repeated his commitment to freeing the city's residents from militants, echoing Allawi's contention that Fallujah had fallen under control of terrorists waging violence against U.S.-backed authorities.

"We pray to God to protect our soldiers who fight in Fallujah to free our people, who became hostages to the terrorists," he said. "It became a holy task to fight for Fallujah people ... Therefore, we will fight to the last drop of our blood to free our people."

Mohan said the battle for his troops began just after midnight

Monday when Iraq's 36th Commando Battalion, backed by U.S. forces, successfully secured Fallujah General Hospital.

"Two nights ago, Iraqi special forces quickly assaulted a hospital" in Fallujah and took it "without firing a single shot," he said.

"As the hospital was taken, Iraqi forces surrounded the city's

southern and eastern boundaries, effectively sealing any escape routes in those regions," Mohan added.

But Mohan also sought to assure residents of Fallujah, often called the "City of Mosques" for its many Muslim houses of worship, that Iraqi troops would safeguard their cultural and religious heritage.

After Fallujah is taken, it will be rebuilt, he said.

"In the wake of the combat operation, a robust civil operation will follow ensuring that critical infrastructure, things like electricity, water, sanitation services and sewage systems are running."

"But we must be patient," Mohan said. "I am confident the superior forces of this operation will prevail and bring long-awaited order to the people in Fallujah."

Mohan's appointment came as Allawi on Tuesday called on Fallujah insurgents to lay down their arms to spare the city from further attacks and allow Iraqi forces to enter peacefully.

Mohan was also appointed the military governor of western Anbar province, which covers the insurgent cities of Fallujah and Ramadi west of the capital and runs to the Syrian border. His deputy governor is Maj. Shaker Salim Hasan.

"They will stay in their positions until the formation of a civilian government to the province after the end of the military operations," Allawi said.

Iraqi minister optimistic

CAIRO, Egypt — Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari said Tuesday that U.S. and Iraqi forces are achieving their goals in Fallujah, promising that military operations will not last long.

Zebari, speaking to The Associated Press, would not be specific about when he thought the campaign would end, other than saying it would be before elections planned in January.

Zebari also said the Iraqi government would do its best to limit civilian casualties.

"The military operations in Fallujah will end much sooner than many people would have thought or anticipated," he said.

Council member shot

SAMARRA, Iraq — Gunmen on Tuesday fatally shot a provincial council member in central Iraq as he was breaking his fast in a restaurant, police and hospital officials said.

Kamil Ilyan, a prominent member of one of Samarra's biggest tribes, was shot twice in the head, said Dr. Abdul-Nasser Hamid of Samarra General Hospital.

Ilyan was having his *ifhar*, the traditional sunset meal which breaks the daylong Muslim fast during Ramadan, about 5:30 in the western Qalalah neighborhood of Samarra when he was gunned down, said police Maj. Saadoun Ahmed said.

From The Associated Press

Iraq: Troops press deeper into Fallujah

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U.S. officials said few people were attempting to flee the city, either because most civilians had already left or because they were complying with a round-the-clock curfew ordered by Allawi. A funeral procession, however, was allowed to leave, officials said.

Anger over the assault grew among Iraq's Sunni minority, and international groups warned that military action could undermine Iraqi elections in January. The U.S. refugee agency expressed fears over civilians' safety.

In Baghdad, the influential Sunni clerics' Association of Muslim Scholars called for a boycott of the elections, which it had threatened to do if Fallujah were attacked. The association's director, Harith al-Dhawi, said the Sunnis could not take part in an election held "over the corpses of those killed in Fallujah" and "the blood of the wounded."

The call is expected to have little resonance within the rival Shiite community, which forms about 60 percent of Iraq's 26 million people. However, a widespread boycott among Sunnis could wreck the legitimacy of the election, seen as vital in Iraq's move to democracy. Sunnis form the core of the insurgency, and U.S. officials have expressed hope that a successful election could convince many Sunnis that the future of their community lies in a democratic Iraq.

An estimated 6,000 U.S. troops and 2,000 allied Iraqi soldiers invaded the city from the north Monday night in a quick, powerful start to an offensive aimed at re-establishing government control ahead of the elections. The guerrillas fought off a bloody Marine offensive against the city in April.

Some 10,000-15,000 U.S. troops, joined by allied Iraqi forces, have surrounded Fallujah, according to the top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. George Casey. Commanders estimate around 3,000 Sunni fighters are in Fallujah, perhaps around 20 percent of their foreign Islamic militants.

The number of civilians in the city is un-

known. A large portion of the city's 200,000 to 300,000 residents are believed to have fled before the offensive, but the Pentagon has acknowledged it doesn't know how many reports of hundreds of people killed during the Marine offensive in April outraged Iraqis and forced the Marines to pull back — allowing guerrillas to strengthen their hold on the city.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Monday, at least 1,133 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 871 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count matches the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. Monday. The British military has reported 74 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each. Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 995 U.S. military members have been added, according to AP's count. That includes at least 762 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military: ■ Two Marines were killed Monday when their bulldozer flipped over into the Euphrates near Fallujah.

■ A U.S. soldier was killed Monday when his patrol came under fire in eastern Baghdad.

■ The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Marine Lance Pvt. Sean M. Langley, 20, Lexington, Ky.; killed Sunday in hostile action in Anbar province. Iraq assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Army Sgt. Carlos M. Camacho-Rivera, 24, Carolina, Puerto Rico; killed Friday in a rocket attack in Fallujah, Iraq, assigned to the 368th Transportation Company, 11th Transportation Battalion, Fort Story, Va.

■ Army Pvt. Justin R. Yoemans, 20, Eufaula, Ala.; killed Saturday when a vehicle-bomb exploded near his patrol in Baghdad, assigned to the 4th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery, Fort Hood, Texas.

■ Army Spc. Brian K. Baker, 27, West Seneca, N.Y.; killed Sunday when a vehicle-bomb exploded near his patrol in Baghdad; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.



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Above: Sgt. Austin "John-o" Williams, left, of the 518th Gun Truck Company, consults with the commander of the Iraqi Express, Staff Sgt. Dan Miller, during a stop in southern Iraq. The Iraqi Express is a daily convoy that hauls needed parts along an increasingly dangerous route from the Iraq-Kuwait border to Balad. Left: Sgt. 1st Class Joe Litchard, 33, of Roanoke, Va., stands guard over an Iraqi Express truck during a break.

Rough riding along the Iraqi Express

Troops speed past danger on daily supply convoy from Kuwait to Balad

BY STEVE LEWIS

Stars and Stripes

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq — Sgt. Austin Williams steers his armored Humvee wildly down the busy Baghdad highway, leaning on the horn, doing 50 if he's moving at all.

Sgt. 1st Class Joe Litchard stands in the turret, eyes wide behind goggles, swiveling his M249 Squad Automatic Weapon in search of threats. Riding shotgun, Spc. David Wallace sticks his arm far out the window, waving a baton threateningly toward the edge of the road as the Humvee whizzes past traffic.

"Get out of the way!" bellows the 19-year-old Wallace, ignoring the tobacco plug in his lower lip. "Get out of the way!"

Behind them trails a parade of 30 semi-trailer trucks and more armored Humvees, racing just as fast and almost as crazily.

Williams, 34, called "John-o," swerves in front of Iraqi drivers who don't immediately pull over. Up ahead, a white Toyota pick-up with a refrigerator in the bed stays in the left lane, blocking his way.

Never slowing, Williams slams into the truck from behind — boom! — shouting it out of the way.

Turning around, Wallace looks at a pas-

senger behind him and says, "This is where we make our money."

Welcome to the Iraqi Express, the daily cowboy convoy carrying spare truck parts from Camp Navistar, on the Kuwait-Iraq border, to Logistical Support Area Anaconda, the Army's central supply depot at Balad Air Base, 50 miles north of Baghdad.

"This is hard, hard dirty work," said Lt. Col. Jim Sagen, commander of the 106th Transportation Battalion, which oversees all the companies that operate the Iraqi Express. "It's as tough as any infantry exercise, and it's dangerous."

For a crew of truckers from the 1487th Transportation Company of the Ohio National Guard and their fighter escorts from the 518th Gun Truck Company, Halloween starts with a pre-dawn wakeup call and a to-go breakfast of meat-and-cheese biscuits washed down with Coke. They line up their trucks as the sun rises.

As on every trip, they'll work a six-day cycle: two days to Balad, two days back home, one day to fix trucks, and one day of rest.

The Halloween convoy started 30 minutes late because an earlier convoy drew rifle fire in Safwan, a crossroads town just two miles across the border known chiefly to soldiers for the children begging for food or toys.

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Boredom, chaos split time on perilous route

BY STEVE LEWIS

Stars and Stripes

Until last spring, the Iraqi Express was a sleepy supply run that gave the soldiers and the contractors who drove it nothing worse than hemorrhoids.

But the constant threat of roadside explosives, rocket-propelled grenades and car bombs all across Iraq have turned this war's supply lines into the front lines. The Iraqi Express still offers nod-inducing hours of boredom, but they are punctuated by short stretches of wide-eyed fear.

Running the Express — a daily spare-parts truck convoy from Camp Navistar, Kuwait, to LSA Anaconda in Balad, Iraq — is the work of the 1486th and 1487th Transportation companies from the Ohio National Guard, which now are filled with seasoned veterans after eight hard months.

"Some days, everything seems to flow and run extremely smooth," said Staff Sgt. Dan Miller, 29, a convoy commander for the 1487th. "Some days, everything goes wrong."

The Iraqi Express is one of two convoys running to Anaconda with supplies from the Theater Distribution Center at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

The first one, the Sustainer Push, fills everyday needs such as fuel, ice, water, mail, motor oil and paper. Contractors from the Halliburton subsidiary KBR drive the trucks, which are escorted in steps by military units as troops are free to do the job.

The Iraqi Express hauls supplies that unit commanders in Iraq need fast. If a battalion in Samarra needs a new transmission to put a Bradley fighting vehicle back in action, odds are good it would arrive from Arifjan on the Iraqi Express.

A mix of contract (white) and Army (green) trucks haul the supplies to Navistar, a dusty, fly-ridden truck stop of a camp two miles south of the Iraq border. It is home to more than 1,000 troops, most of them from Guard or Reserve units like the 1486th and 1487th transportation companies.

The Iraqi Express never came under hostile fire until March, just as the two Ohio companies took over from another unit.

The trucks traveled with few guns and no armor. But as the insurgency raged in April, bomb and grenade attacks picked up, and kidnappers began snatching and killing convoy truck drivers.

The attacks have spread south in the past three months as the rebellion has widened, truckers said. Now they don't feel safe anywhere in Iraq.

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Cpl. Ryan Swenson, 25, of Germantown, Ohio, is a member of the 518th Gun Truck Company, which regularly runs the Iraqi Express delivering supplies to Balad, Iraq.

Express: Danger rises as rebellion spreads to south

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It used to be the eight-hour voyage to Camp Scania, a truck-stop camp 58 miles south of Baghdad, that caused little stress because it passed through the peaceful Shiite section of Iraq.

But attacks have spread south in the past three months as the rebellion has widened, truckers said. Now they don't feel safe anywhere in Iraq.

Along the six-lane highway the Army calls Main Supply Route Tampa, the 6½-mile unpaved section the truckers call "dirty Tampa" causes extra jitters. That rough road boosts the chances of breakdowns and kicks up dust that makes it harder to see enemies.

The first day's drive passes without incident, with the convoy rolling into Scania midafternoon. That evening, though, the convoy commanders deliver bad news: Instead of their usual pre-dawn departure, they'll be leaving for Anaconda at 7:30, behind other Baghdad-bound convoys.

That means the Iraqi Express will pass through the treacherous Main Supply Route Sword, a 12-mile stretch of divided highway in a ratty part of Baghdad's western suburbs, at midmorning. They'll be driving in heavy traffic, instead of before dawn, making them more vulnerable to unplanned stops — and attacks.

The next morning, frustration starts less than half an hour after leaving Scania as the Express is

forced to stop at a Bailey bridge (an Army replacement for one blown up by insurgents) behind a cautious National Guard convoy on its maiden Iraq mission.

"We'll sit out here all ... day," griped Williams, in the thick drawl of his native North Carolina. "We've been mortared out here before."

The Express nudges its way across the bridge ahead of the slower convoy and then barrels on toward Baghdad. At 11 a.m., it exits onto Sword and soon hits thick traffic. Williams honks, dodges, weaves and smashes while Litchard glares and Wallace hollers.

Iraqi drivers scowl in angry fear. The soldiers don't care. Guerrillas use cars to block convoys so they can get a better shot.

"If you get a convoy slowed down, you are going to get hit," Litchard says later. "We just can't slow down."

Later, a voice shouts over the radio, "Shoot! Shoot! Shoot!"

The speeding convoy climbs up an exit ramp and back onto Tampa. With the road slickened by rain and oil, Williams struggles to keep control.

Then the radio crackles again. "Regulator 3 has flipped over!" barks an urgent voice, using the call sign of a gun truck near the rear of the convoy.

Williams grinds to a stop, jumps out, grabbing his rifle, and halts oncoming traffic. Wallace shouts into the radio, calling for a medevac helicopter. Twenty minutes



DAVID TIPPETT/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

An armored Humvee from the 518th Gun Truck Company flipped over on a rain- and oil-slicked Baghdad highway last week, causing a dangerous delay to the Iraqi Express spare-parts convoy. One soldier broke his arm, and three others escaped uninjured.

later, it lands on the highway while two Apache attack helicopters hover menacingly nearby.

The overturned Humvee is almost a mile to the rear. The front of the convoy waits tensely for word on casualties.

Today the news is good. The driver, Spc. James Gregory, 20, and two of his passengers, Cpl. Ryan Swenson, 25, and Capt. David Tippett, 49, all are uninjured.

The gunner, Sgt. Steven Lourigan, 26, suffers a broken arm. He'll rejoin his unit in a day or two, after a short stay at a combat support hospital in Baghdad. He is the 1487th's first casualty in six months of Iraqi Express trips, Staff Sgt. Dan Miller, commander of the Iraqi Express spare parts convoys, says.

The soldiers swarm around the

vehicle and pick up everything (except some bottles of Gatorade, which are handed to some nearby middle-school age Iraqi boys).

Anything left behind must be torched or blown up so the enemy can't use it. The Humvee is flipped upright and towed away by a "bob-tail," Army-speak for a truck cab that's not pulling a trailer. Within an hour, the convoy is ready to roll.

A military policeman from the 10th Mountain Division who stopped to help tell some of the soldiers they are lucky. A few hundred meters behind them is a much nastier neighborhood. If the crash had happened there, the convoy almost certainly would have been attacked.

Williams blames the crash on their overburdened vehicles, made top-heavy by the add-on armor and roof gun mounts. He

wishes the 518th Gun Truck drove some of the brand-new M114-model armored Humvees parked at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, waiting for delivery to Iraq.

"I'll bet you a month's salary, in an 1114 this wouldn't have happened," he says.

After the wild ride through western Baghdad, the rest of the trip to Anaconda is cake. The soldiers leave off their cargo in a truck yard. Tonight, there'll be showers, hot chow and some rack time.

Sitting on cots in their sleep shed that night, they swap stories, and congratulate each other on getting through alive.

Tomorrow, they'll rise before dawn and tie down their Kuwait-bound cargo for the perilous journey back to Scania.

The Iraqi Express will roll again.

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Convoy: 'We are a tough bunch to tangle with'

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"It's worse," Miller said. "The attacks are up. They're finding more serious ways to attack, with the car bombs and everything."

Although troops spend most of their time driving through some of Iraq's roughest neighborhoods, as a Kuwait-based unit they weren't eligible for armored Humvees.

"We've escorted [armored] Hummers, but we don't have them ourselves," said Sgt. 1st Class Joe Litchard, 33, a gun truck driver.

"We don't get the high-speed stuff the 3rd Infantry Division or 2nd Infantry Division get," added Sgt. 1st Class Stephan Miles, 37, of Columbus, Ohio. "We make do with what we've got."

So they formed the 518th Gun Truck Company, a provisional unit manned with volunteers from the other National Guard companies.

The units scrounged up armor kits and fortified their Hummers with "hillbilly armor." They bulked up a five-ton truck with steel plates, painting the front with a fierce-looking open mouth and giant teeth.

One of our convoys is not an ideal target, said Lt. Col. Jim Sagen, commander of the 106th Transportation Battalion, which oversees convoy operations out of

Najaf. "You have five very veteran truck companies, heavily armed. We are a tough bunch to tangle with."

The armor, soldiers say, covers up problems. These Humvees put on 700-800 miles a week in punishing desert conditions while carrying far more weight than they were meant for. Breakdowns occur often.

When they happen on the road, they put soldiers' lives in peril.

"It's a constant uphill battle to keep the trucks running," said Cpl. Ryan Swenson of the 518th, a 25-year-old college student from Germantown, Ohio.

In spite of the constant danger, no soldiers or civilians have been killed on the Iraqi Express. The soldiers who run it say that's because of their pit-bull attitude.

"Part of our job to success is to maintain an extremely aggressive posture," Litchard said. "We engage the enemy."

Two weeks ago, they did just that. On Oct. 18, the Iraqi Express rolled through Main Supply Route Sword, the Army name for a 12-mile stretch of divided highway in a run-down part of Baghdad's western suburbs.

The convoy rolled up to an overpass, where another unit had stopped traffic to investigate a roadside bomb. Forced to stop,

the 518th gun truckers started climbing out to secure the area.

Suddenly two rocket-propelled grenades sailed past them and slammed into the overpass. From a two-story yellow-brown house across the highway came a hail of automatic weapons fire.

In moments they pulled their trucks into position and sprayed the house with bullets from their M249 Squad Automatic Weapons and M16s. In less than two minutes, all fire stopped. Venturing inside, soldiers found eight dead insurgents, and blood trails indicating others had been shot. No one in the convoy had been hurt, and none of the cargo was damaged.

"We didn't talk on the radio, we just did it," Swenson said. "It all came together like clockwork."

It felt terrific to shoot back at an enemy who rarely steps out of the shadows, soldiers said.

"I was shaking in the turret. When it was over, I said 'I can't believe we just did what we did,'" recalled Sgt. Steven Lourigan, 26, a dive-shop owner from Summer-ville, S.C. "It was a big stress relief to actually get some frustration out."

"It could have been a really bad day," added Miles, who commanded the gun trucks that day. "Luckily, it turned out OK."

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Left: Soldiers with the 14th Cavalry of the 1st Brigade (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), 25th Infantry Division (Light), stand guard over a civil affairs project in a remote town in western Iraq while riding in a Stryker vehicle.

Above: Spc. Steven Chelossi, a Stryker driver for Company C, 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment with 1-25 stands on the rear ramp of his vehicle at a camp near Mosul, Iraq. Like many Stryker soldiers, he wasn't too sure about the vehicle at first. Its safety and reliability have won him over, he said.

Stryker: The 'ultimate' urban assault vehicle

Bulky fighting machine winning over formerly skeptical soldiers

Editor's note: They rolled in on eight-untracked wheels a year ago, one year after being introduced to the Army. Here's a look at how the Army's Stryker has fared.

BY JULIANA GITTNER

Stars and Stripes

MOSUL, Iraq — Ask nearly anyone in a Stryker unit and they'll say they weren't too crazy about the eight-wheeled vehicles at first.

Something about rubber tires seemed unlikely to withstand the same beating as a tracked vehicle. The Strykers looked slow and lumbering.

But the naysayers have been converted. After the Strykers' introduction to the Army two years ago, and after a year of combat experience in Iraq, the vehicles are almost too good to be true, say those who ride them, fix them or command them.

"I was kind of skeptical," said Sgt. David Finney, noncommissioned officer in charge of the ground support equipment shop for the 73rd Engineer Company, part of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division.

"I was used to working on tanks. I saw the tires and thought, 'what are you going to do with broken tires?' But it's surpassed everything I've expected," he said. "It's definitely saved lives. The Strykers can take a pretty big hit and get back on the road quickly."

In October, a car bomb packed with 500 pounds of explosives hit a Stryker in Mosul. It killed a soldier and punned the vehicle.

The Stryker was back on the road in six days.

"Strykers are extremely durable vehi-

cles," said 1st Lt. Eric James Joyce, battalion maintenance officer for the 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, with the 1-25th.

The vehicle's heavy armor shelters occupants from blasts and ballistics. Its eight individual wheels have a "run flat" technology that allows them to drive on after being blown out.

"I've seen Strykers be hit by an [improvised explosive device] and drive home on eight flats," said Staff Sgt. Lee Hodges, assistant vehicle commander and gunner for the Reconnaissance, Surveillance and Target Acquisition Squadron of the 14th Cavalry with the 1-25th, who rode a Bradley in the Persian Gulf War.

"I look at it as the ultimate SWAT vehicle — for urban assault."

Strykers are quick, quiet and surprisingly nimble, particularly in urban areas. They can drive nearly 70 miles per hour and hold about a dozen fully loaded troops.

"You can hear a tank from two miles away. You can't hear a Stryker until it's right next to you, and by then you've got 11 guys on the ground," Joyce said. "It's like our land helicopter. You get there, [do what you have to do.] get back in and go."

Stryker units bridge the gap between heavy armor and light infantry, filling a particular niche in Iraq.

"It's like a light infantry battalion on steroids," said Lt. Col. Erik Kurilla, 1-24 battalion commander.

They can move many troops quickly and safely and carry significant firepower. In cities, they roll in to create instant roadblocks and fit on roads for urban patrols. In the country, they can travel long distances to patrol vast stretches of western Iraq.

The vehicles are also integrated into a



Soldiers from 1-25's 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment stand in the hatch of their Stryker after an operation in Mosul, Iraq. The vehicle's agility and security make it effective in urban environments, soldiers say.

computerized battle tracking system.

"It's a whole concept — [and raises] the situational awareness of both blue [friendly] and red [enemy] forces," Kurilla said.

Commanders in the vehicles and back in the operations center can immediately see friendly and enemy forces as well as specific attacks or any other specified detail plotted on a map.

"Now [we're] able to look on a screen and say 'these guys are friendly,'" Hodges said. "Touch an icon and know who they are — not just friendly, but what unit."

When the 1-25th arrived in Iraq weeks ago, they inherited the Strykers left behind by their predecessors, the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.

The vehicles had endured a year of heavy action, thousands of miles on the roads and the unforgiving extremes of the desert. But they were good to go.

"The vehicles were never an issue for

those guys," Joyce said.

Civilian mechanics who deploy with the units helped to maintain a 95 percent operational readiness, Kurilla said.

Soldiers say they're impressed by the Stryker's road worthiness. But many appreciate the security of the vehicle's almost-impenetrable skin.

"They're not worried that 'I'm sitting in a death trap,'" Joyce said. "They can focus on the mission, not whether or not a bullet is going to come through."

Soldiers rest more easily knowing no one has died inside a Stryker, and none of the vehicles have been ripped open by bullets or bombs.

"We are definitely earning our imminent-danger pay. But I feel a lot better leaving [camp] in this," Hodges said. "It gives soldiers the peace of mind that when they go out of the FOB [forward operating base], they have something to rely on."

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Veteran makes final trip to Italian base

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AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — Edward Renna was stationed in Aviano before all but a handful of those currently serving on base were born.

One of the first American airmen to call Aviano home, the 67-year-old will be a guest speaker when the base holds its Veterans Day ceremony a day early on Wednesday.

Like many older veterans, Renna said he's concerned that Veterans Day has become a footnote in today's society.

"A lot of people forget about Veterans Day," he said. "Everyone could tell you when Christmas is. But I bet not many could tell you when Veterans Day is. Just ask them in April."

Part of that may be due to a general lack of knowledge of — or enthusiasm for — his story. But Renna's more than willing to tell today's airmen about what life was like on base, in the military and in Italy during his three-year tour that began on Nov. 25, 1954.

He arrived as a 17-year-old airman second class, after serving a year in the Illinois Air National Guard. He and about 450 other airmen in the 629th Air Control and Warning Squadron called Aviano home for the winter until they moved to Campo Formido near Udine in the spring.

They were among the first Americans to be stationed — even temporarily — at Aviano. The base will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Americans stationed on base in February.

The 629th's mission was similar to what the 603rd Air Control Squadron, based in Aviano, does today. It had a pair of C-47 transport planes assigned to it and they were stationed at Aviano. But 1950s technology wouldn't allow the unit to be sta-

tioned at Aviano and control airplanes landing there. Renna said there was a gap in the radar system that made it unreliable for aircraft within 30 to 50 miles of where it was set up. So, in order to control aircraft coming into Aviano, they had to be stationed in Udine.

Italy was still facing tough economic times, Renna said. Very few people had cars, so the Americans driving jeeps around didn't face much traffic — other than bicycles and Vespa's. There were no fences around the base. Heavily armed Italian soldiers patrolled the streets of the surrounding cities around the clock.

There were still American forces to the east in Trieste, an open city wanted by both Italy and Yugoslavia.

"I remember sitting at a bar next to the fence that separated Italy and Yugoslavia," he says. "And seeing guards go by that were Americans and they were carrying .45s."

That's something that airmen in the 629th didn't do much. He said Italian forces protected the American facilities — much like they do today — and there were only two people who regularly carried weapons while the unit was based in Udine.

While attending a dance with the Italian soldier, Renna — an Italian-American who didn't speak the language until serving in country — saw a young girl across the dance floor. He asked her to dance in his halting Italian and she refused at first. But Fran, 14 at the time, eventually consented. Two years later, she agreed to marry him and move to the States when the 629th disbanded, giving way to the Italians that they had helped train.

Almost 48 years (and five children) later, the two own an engineering and contracting business in Florida.

Renna says this may be his final trip to Aviano, citing concerns from his doctor that long travel hurts his health.

So, in his remarks Wednesday, he'll effectively be saying hello to a lot of family and goodbye to a place he once called home.

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Renna

Veterans Day events

IRAQ

The 1st Infantry Division-led Task Force Dagger is planning Veterans Day ceremonies Thursday at many of its outposts in Iraq.

Each of the events will include a ceremony honoring veterans, a 5-kilometer run, a prayer breakfast, and a special evening meal, said Capt. William Coppel, a task force spokesman. Among the units planning events are:

- 1st ID headquarters staff, at Forward Operating Base Dagger, in Tikrit.
- Division Support Command, at FOB Speicher, in Tikrit.
- 2nd Brigade Combat Team, at FOB Dagger, in Tikrit.
- 3rd Brigade Combat Team, at FOB Warhorse, in Baquba.
- 2nd Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, at FOB Warrior, in Kirkuk.
- 30th Brigade Combat Team, North Carolina National Guard, at FOB Caldwell, near Balad Ruz.

GERMANY

Ansbach
Wednesday — ceremony, 3 p.m., at 652 Air Defense Artillery, Shipton Casern.

Babenhausen
Sunday — The Veterans' Memorial Museum on Babenhausen Casern will be open noon to 5 p.m., featuring an exhibit of vehicles and weapons. The museum is located in building 4501.

Bamberg
Thursday — Ceremony sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars, 11 a.m., in front of the 279th Base Support Battalion headquarters, followed by cake and coffee at the Community Activity Center.

Thursday — Barbecue at Birchview Lanes, beginning at 4 p.m. Plates are \$5.75 and include two free games of bowling.

Grafenwohr
Thursday — Ceremony sponsored by VPW, 9 a.m., by the 535th Engineer Memorial.

Hohenfels
Wednesday — Parade, 1:45 p.m., on General Patton Boulevard, running from the "lennon lot" to building 1. Cake and refreshments afterwards.

Thursday — Free hot dogs for veterans at The Zone Sports Bar, 4-6 p.m.

Kaiserslautern
Wednesday — Rising Academy, Kapam Air Station, 3:15 p.m., "Spirits of the Past," taking a look at U.S. veterans throughout history.

Wednesday — 4 p.m. retreat ceremony

Ramstein Air Base
Thursday — Revival at the School Academy drill pad, 2790

Thursday — 4:15, retreat, at the academy drill pad.

Schweinfurt
Thursday — Free bowling for active-duty servicemen, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Kessler Bowling Center.



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Spc. Billy Barnes, a 1st Infantry Division soldier injured in a firefight in Iraq, salutes before a wreath laid in honor of 1st ID Medal of Honor winners during Veterans Day ceremonies in Würzburg, Germany, in 2003.

Spangdahlem
Thursday — Members of the 52nd Fighter Wing will perform in ceremonies at the Meuse-Argonne cemetery in France. A senior honor guard formation made up of 20 company-grade officers, chief master sergeants and first sergeants will honor the more than 14,000 Americans who are now buried in the largest American cemetery in Europe. This unique honor guard formation is a first for Spangdahlem Air Base.

Stuttgart
Thursday — American Legion Post 6 ceremony on Patch Barracks, 11 a.m., including placement of wreaths and salute to veterans. Afterwards, Sergeants Association to have a light barbecue.

Wilecik
Thursday — Celebration sponsored by the VFW, 11 a.m., in building 133, formerly the NCO Club. Free food and drinks.

Wiesbaden
Wednesday — The 1st Armored Division plans a veterans parade with Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 27 at Wiesbaden Army Airfield, 11 a.m., on Minne Field. A reception will follow. Gen. H.H. Arnold ROTC color guard will be there. Ceremony will feature a remembrance of veterans of past wars and the laying of wreaths.

SPAIN

Thursday — Ceremony at the Naval Station Rota chapel, 11 a.m.

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Reinventing an old tradition



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Left: Air National Guard Master Sgt. Glenn Forney of the 113th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Andrews Air Force Base, Md., pins a Spouse Pin on his wife, Sandra, during a Pentagon ceremony launching the Spouse Pin program Monday. Above: The pin is a contemporary adaptation of a wartime tradition dating back to World War I, when families hung service flags in their windows displaying a blue star for each family member serving in the armed forces.

Deployed airmen first to get new PT uniform

First Lt. Megan Schafer, from left, Staff Sgt. Antwan Wright and Master Sgt. Scott Wagers show off different combinations of the new physical training uniform while jogging during the wear-test phase. The new uniform will be issued to airmen serving in Southwest Asia first and phased into the rest of the force over the next three years.

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ARLINGTON, Va. — The first airmen to get the Air Force's new physical training uniform will be deployed airmen at the 11 fixed bases within U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility, including some in Iraq, according to Air Force officials.

Air Force chief of staff Gen. John Jumper announced a new fitness standard for the Air Force in July 2003, and promised a new PT uniform to go with that standard, since the Air Force was the only service without standardized workout gear.

After a year of wear-testing by 300 airmen, Air Force leaders approved this fall the final design of the unisex uniform, which includes dark blue shorts, a gray T-shirt, and a matching, two-piece dark blue nylon running suit with a reflective Air Force logo on the jacket.

The service has yet to set a mandatory wear date for the PT uniforms.

The first shipment of the PT uniforms is on its way to the 18,000 airmen deployed to Southwest Asia who fall under U.S. Central Command Air Forces, or CENTAF, according to 1st Lt. Gary Arasin, a CENTAF spokesman at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. CENTAF is the Air Force branch of CENTCOM, the U.S. command responsible for the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The reason deployed airmen are getting the PT gear first is because CENTAF's commander, Lt. Gen. Buck Buchanan, said in June that any airmen deployed to an Air Force installation in Southwest Asia would be allowed to

wear just one of two outfits: desert camouflage uniforms or workout garb, Arasin said.

Limiting and standardizing the clothing airmen could take on deployments, Buchanan wrote in the policy letter at the time, would "portray a positive military image and... protect the personnel assigned to this command."

However, because airmen are still allowed to wear whatever they wish to work out in, "people were bringing an entire wardrobe [of athletic gear on deployments] or bringing stuff that was inappropriate, like cut-off" shorts, Arasin said. Some of the clothing was so

The Air Force decided to standardized workout attire to prevent personnel from wearing inappropriate clothing while serving abroad.

grungy "that it would be questionable here" in the United States, Arasin said, "and it was completely out of line in a foreign country."

So "the best way to remedy the situation was to provide PT gear," that has already been approved by Air Force leaders as modest and appropriate, Arasin said.

Buchanan provided for that solution back in June, saying in his letter that as soon as the official PT uniform was approved, it would be the standard for airmen deployed to CENTCOM.

After approving the PT design, Air Force leaders gave manufacturers the orders to start outfitting CENTAF's deployed personnel. The first shipment of the new PT uniforms went out at the beginning of October, and should start arriving at the 11 unnamed "fixed bases at forward locations" in mid-November, Arasin said.

Go to www.af.mil/newsroom/wear_policy.pdf for guidelines on wearing the new PT uniform.

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Presidential Food Service Department looking for Navy's culinary specialists

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER
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NAVAL STATION ROTTA, Spain — The Navy's top chefs are in demand by the nation's top mess — the White House.

The Presidential Food Service Department is looking for culinary specialists in the Navy to cook for the commander in chief and the White House staff, according to a Navy news release. Forty-nine Navy culinary specialists work in the White House, helping provide between 250-325 meals a day to the president and members of his staff.

The department is especially looking for culinary specialists in the E-6 and E-5 pay grades, but E-4 sailors are encouraged to apply, according to Master Chief Petty Officer Glen Maes, the de-

partment's deputy director and command master chief.

Ordinary culinary specialists need not apply. The department is looking for the cream of the crop.

Applicants must pass an intensive security background check, which can take between nine and 18 months on average.

Interested sailors must have a letter of recommendation from their commanding officer and be able to obtain top-secret security clearance. Applicants also must provide copies of their last five personnel evaluations.

For more information on how to join the White House Presidential Food Service Department, call (202) 757-1285 or send an e-mail to gauss@whitehouse.gov

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IN THE STATES

Bush visits wounded troops at Walter Reed

BY TERENCE HUNT

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush is paying a bedside visit to soldiers wounded in Iraq as American forces suffered the highest one-day U.S. death toll in more than six months amid fierce battles for control of Fallujah.

A week after the election that gave him a second term, Bush was turning from personnel decisions for his Cabinet and staff to go to Washington's Walter Reed Army Medical Center, accompanied by his wife, Laura, Bush was to see between 50 to 55 soldiers wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. On his last visit in March,

the president awarded Purple Hearts to eight soldiers.

The U.S. toll in Iraq has surpassed 1,000, and 11 Americans died on Monday alone. Three more were killed Tuesday in Fallujah. "We are forever grateful to the families of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said. "They are serving for an important cause and a free Iraq will help transform a dangerous region of the world and make America more secure. We mourn the loss of all of our fallen."

Bush reviewed developments in Iraq in a meeting Monday with Defense Secretary Donald H.

Rumsfeld.

The secretary later would not say whether he wants to continue in his job in Bush's second term and said the matter hasn't been discussed in postelection meetings. Rumsfeld aides said they expect him to remain for the start of Bush's new term, although whether he wants to stay the full four years is unclear.

Other possibilities for the top Pentagon job include Sen. John Warner, R-Va.; national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, who has told associates she plans to resign; and John Lehman, a former Navy secretary and Republican member of the Sept. 11 commission.

In the only major decision announced for Bush's second term, the president will keep Andy Card as White House chief of staff. An unflappable veteran of the Reagan and first Bush presidencies, Card is admired for his work ethic, steady hand and open-door policy.

Keeping Card aboard is "a real pin strike for the president," said Nick Calio, Bush's former liaison to Capitol Hill. "He is a very, very solid leader; he is one of the most capable people I have ever met or worked for in my entire life; and he manages without ego and solely on behalf of the president."

Another former staff adviser, Jay Lefkowitz, said Card "makes

sure the president gets perspective from all relevant people on staff on any particular issue."

"The Chief," as Card is known at the White House, was appointed four years ago this month, even before the 2000 recount was resolved. He told The Associated Press in a February 2001 interview that he normally arrived at work at 5:30 a.m. and stayed until the president had retired for the night. Aides say Card, 57, continues that schedule nearly four years later.

"There's a certain comfort walking into the West Wing when it's still dark out, and seeing the light in Andy's office on," said Adam Levine, a former assistant White House press secretary.

Court rules Gitmo detainees entitled to hearings to determine POW status

BY PAISLEY DODDS

The Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — A U.S. federal court has ruled Osama bin Laden's driver was entitled to a hearing to determine whether he is a prisoner of war, a landmark decision that throws into question plans to try alleged terrorists as enemy combatants.

U.S. authorities consider all 550 detainees at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay "enemy combatants," a status that affords them fewer legal protections than prisoners of war under the Geneva Conventions. The prisoners from more than 40 countries have been held for nearly three years, but few have had access to attorneys and only four have been charged.

U.S. District Judge James Robertson's ruling in Washington on Monday halted the pretrial proceedings for Salim Ahmed Hamdan, 34, of Yemen, after his lawyers filed a petition challenging his status as an enemy combatant and the commission's jurisdiction.

The Justice Department said it would seek an immediate stay of the ruling and appealed it. Hamdan was taken captive in Afghanistan and held there for six months before being transferred to the U.S. outpost where he was kept in solitary confinement for eight months.

He is one of the four enemy combatants who has been charged. He faces charges of conspiracy to commit war crimes, murder and terrorism but says he never supported terrorism. He was to have been the first detainee tried in the commissions, or trials, on Dec. 7.

Robertson's decision was the first time a federal

court halted legal proceedings before U.S. military commissions, resurrected from World War II. No trials have been held, although tentative trial dates for three other detainees have been offered.

The judge rejected the U.S. government's contention that Hamdan and other detainees are not prisoners of war but enemy combatants.

Hamdan was declared an enemy combatant last month by a review tribunal during a hearing from which his lawyer was barred.

"Unless and until a competent tribunal determines that petitioner is not entitled to protections afforded prisoners of war under Article 4 of the Geneva Convention ... he may not be tried by military commission ...," Robertson said in his ruling. "There is nothing in this record to suggest that a competent tribunal has determined that Hamdan is not a prisoner of war under the Geneva Conventions."

The court also ruled that unless the military commission guidelines are changed to conform to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Hamdan cannot be tried by the commissions.

Robertson also ruled Hamdan has the right to confront witnesses that may have given evidence and has a right to see the evidence against him.

The commission rules state defendants can only see the unclassified evidence.

If the Guantanamo detainees are ultimately determined to be prisoners of war entitled to trial by court-martial, they would have available to them different standards for evidence and could appeal up to the Supreme Court.

Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo said the government would appeal the ruling on the grounds that the Geneva Conventions do not apply to members or affiliates of al-Qaida.

America's Main Street



First lady Laura Bush speaks at a ceremony reopening Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House as Washington, D.C., Mayor Anthony Williams, obscured by podium, looks on Tuesday in Washington.

Congress unprepared for terrorist attacks

BY JIM ABRAMS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Police patrol the Capitol armed with rifles and wearing biological, chemical and radioactive attack gear.

One senator was so concerned about the terrorist threat that he temporarily shut down his office during the recent pre-election recess.

But more than three years after Sept. 11, 2001, Congress has yet to decide how it would respond to a catastrophic event that kills or incapacitates many or most of its members.

"The Capitol building has to be

one of the prime targets in the world," said Rep. Brian Baird, D-Wash., a crusader for better congressional preparedness. "But we have yet to make true provisions either for congressional continuity or presidential succession."

"It's an immense disappointment to me," said Norm Ornstein, a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and senior counsel to the Continuity of Government Commission, a nonpartisan group formed in 2002 to study how to keep Congress functioning after a disaster.

The commission, led by former Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., and

former Clinton White House counsel Lloyd Cutler, concluded that Congress must amend the Constitution to ensure its survivability in an age of terror.

The problem is more with the House.

The 17th Amendment, ratified in 1913, allows governors to temporarily appoint replacements to empty Senate seats until special elections can be held. But the Constitution requires that House vacancies be filled by direct elections.

That, many warn, could lead to a lengthy legislative void if a majority of members are killed or incapacitated in an attack and it takes months to stage elections to replace them.

Airlines agree to new EPA drinking water tests

WASHINGTON — New water quality inspections on airliners were initiated Tuesday by the Environmental Protection Agency in response to the discovery of coliform bacteria in the drinking water of one in every eight planes it tested.

The agency said it will randomly test 169 domestic and international passenger aircraft at 14 airports throughout the United States and will publish the results in January.

In addition, EPA announced that 12 major airlines have agreed to conduct more tests of their own aircraft drinking water and disinfection procedures.

Pilot ejects before military jet crashes

LAS VEGAS — A Virginia-based Navy pilot ejected moments before his jet crashed Tuesday near Nellis Air Base, military officials said.

The single-seat F-18 went down at 9 a.m. about 15 miles north of the base, according to a statement released by the Air Force. The pilot was rescued and taken to a base hospital, where his condition was unknown. The Air Force was investigating the cause of the crash.

From The Associated Press

Report sees need for more 'teachers of color'

BY BEN FELLER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A glaring lack of racial and cultural diversity among teachers is hurting the chances of success for minority students, a coalition of school groups contends in a new report.

A small but growing body of research shows minorities tend to do better in class and face higher expectations when taught by teachers from their racial or ethnic group, says the National Collaborative on Diversity in the Teaching Force, a partnership led by six groups.

"Teachers of color" often serve as role models and cultural brokers who help students connect to their school through shared identities, group leaders say.

In both the recruitment of teachers and the training of veteran ones, the coalition is calling on policy-makers to put a priority

on diversity and "cultural competence," meaning the ability of teachers to understand their students' culture and incorporate it in class.

Some big groups are behind the push, including the National Education Association, the country's largest teachers union; the American Council on Education, representing the nation's colleges and universities; and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, the primary voice for the schools charged with preparing teachers for work.

About 60 percent of public school students are white, 17 percent are black and 17 percent are Hispanic. Yet 90 percent of teachers are white, 6 percent are black and less than 5 percent are of another race or ethnicity, according to federal figures the coalition cited.

Roughly 40 percent of schools have no minority teachers on staff, the group says.

"When you have that kind of disconnect, teachers are significantly more likely to give discipline referrals and to place kids in special education," said Segun Ebubanks, the NEA's director of teacher quality. "And they're more likely to come in with predisposed assumptions and teach down to a perceived academic ability. It impacts the kids' chances to excel."

Coalition leaders acknowledge that language, culture and race are only components of a quality teaching corps. Federal law puts an emphasis on other parts — a bachelor's degree, a state license or certification and clear knowledge of the subjects that teachers handle.

Across the country, education colleges have done a varied job of infusing culture and diversity issues into the curriculum, said Maria Estela Birk, who leads the multicultural education committee for the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

"You have to give teachers the confidence that they can indeed teach children of different cultures and backgrounds," she said.

"They have to incorporate it in their classes, the way they organize their classroom, the way they deal with families."

Community Teachers Institute, another partner in the coalition, sets out to "home-grow" teachers in minority areas through partnerships with colleges, schools and community groups.

Urban public education is the best hope for many minority children, but they are often getting "too few teachers of color, too few qualified teachers and too many teachers who leave too soon," said Rushern Baker II, the executive director of the institute.

The coalition's report, "A Call to Action," is to be posted on the NEA Web site. The other partners are the Association of Teacher Educators and Recruiting New Teachers.

Plants' genetic smarts wowing research world

BY ROBERT S. BOYD

Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — People don't usually associate intelligence with weeds or cabbages. But plant scientists, taking advantage of new genetic information, have discovered a surprising level of what looks like brainy behavior in the vegetable world.

"It's amazing what plants can do," said Johanna Schmitt, a plant geneticist at Brown University in Providence, R.I. Plants have to do clever things since they're stuck in place and must find ways to cope with enemies and hard times. "They can't just walk away," said Leslie Sieburth, a researcher at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

To compensate for their immobility, plants have genes strung along long threads of DNA that direct them to perform some remarkable feats.

Though plant behavior may seem obvious to farmers and gardeners, it's only recently that biologists are learning exactly how they work, down at the level of individual genes and molecules.

Researchers have identified genes that help plants recognize when days are growing longer or shorter. Other genes force a plant to sit through a cold winter before allowing it to blossom. Another maintains a 24-hour internal clock. Some genes help plants "remember" the experiences of their "parents," the plants whose seeds gave them birth, Schmitt said.

Plants use color and smell to lure insects that spread their pollen or to repel hungry predators. Plants aren't above using dirty tricks, such as attracting wasps to lay their eggs inside caterpillar larvae so the caterpillars won't grow up to eat them.

Some plants can solve math and logic problems of a sort. They calculate the ratio of two different hues of red light to decide when there's too much shade and they need to grow taller. When roots sense that water is short, a gene called *BYPASS1* sends a signal to the stem telling it to produce fewer, smaller leaves.

"Drought is a logical response to drought, because leaves are the major place where water is lost," Sieburth said.

Of course, plant talents are a far cry from animal — not to mention human — mental powers. Plants don't have a brain or central nervous system. They don't have language, emotions, fall in love or suffer the pangs of guilt.

Researchers expect their work will have practical value for farmers and home gardeners.

Judith Roe, a plant geneticist at Kansas State University in Manhattan, said understanding how plants synchronize their flowering with the state of



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University of Utah graduate student Jaime Van Norman holds a tray of experimental weeds that show how plants' genes enable them to cope with cold, drought and other stresses.

the environment will help researchers predict and manage the effect of climate change on future crops.

"Ongoing climate change is already influencing flowering time in many plants," Schmitt said. "Many British wildflowers are now blooming earlier than they did 50 years ago."

To figure out how plants sense their world, the National Science Foundation this fall awarded a \$5 million research grant to an international team of scientists headed by Schmitt. Their task is to identify the molecular mechanisms by which plants know when to grow and when to flower — two distinct stages of vegetable life that must be kept apart.

To make smart choices, plant genes must take in multiple cues from their environment — light, temperature, moisture, gravity etc. — and assemble them into a meaningful whole. That's a rudimentary version of the way an animal's brain integrates various signals from its eyes, ears, fingers and stomachs.

The messages that tell a plant it's time to blossom turn on several series of genes, called "pathways," which lead to other master genes controlling the roots, stems and leaves. "The balance of signals from these pathways is integrated by a common set of genes to determine when flowering occurs," Putterill said.

Heart drug for blacks raises racial concerns

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The largest study ever done solely on blacks with heart failure raises the controversial prospect of the first drug that might be marketed to a specific racial group.

The experimental drug, *Bidil*, dramatically improved survival and cut hospitalizations for heart failure, a problem that affects 5 million Americans, blacks 2½ times more often than whites.

Its maker, NitroMed, plans to seek federal approval for the two-drug combination pill by year's end.

"It's a delight to see a trial that clearly shows a benefit of therapy in a particular racial group," said Dr. Augustus Grant, past president of the Association of Black Cardiologists, which supported the study.

However, some specialists believe the pill also would help whites and say it should have been tested among them but wasn't for business reasons.

The study's results were reported Monday at an American Heart Association meeting in New Orleans.

Heart failure occurs when the heart is too weak to pump effectively, causing fluid to back up in the lungs — leaving people wet and short of breath. Half die within five years of diagnosis.

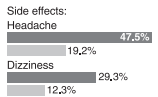
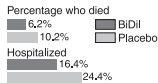
Earlier research suggested that standard heart failure drugs do not work as well in blacks, and that blacks may have lower amounts of nitric oxide, which plays many roles in heart health, in their blood.

Two chemicals — isosorbide dinitrate and hydralazine — boost this substance, but administering the combination pill that gets around this problem, but the federal Food and Drug Administration refused to license *Bidil* as a new drug because earlier studies involving mostly white patients showed no benefit.

Heart failure drug specific for blacks

A two-drug combination pill called *Bidil* dramatically improved the survival of blacks with heart failure, which affects 5 million Americans. Blacks are 2.5 times more likely to get it than whites.

Drug study results on blacks with severe heart failure



SOURCE: New England Journal of Medicine

There were promising signs that the medication helped the few blacks in the studies, and NitroMed won a patent to use it just among that minority group.

The company then launched a study of 1,050 blacks. Half of them took *Bidil* had heart failure and a placebo; the other half got standard drugs plus *Bidil*. The study was stopped ahead of schedule last year because doctors saw *Bidil* clearly was better.

After roughly two years' use, only 6.2 percent of the patients who took *Bidil* had died versus 10.2 percent who got only standard heart failure drugs. That translates to a 43 percent reduction in deaths, said Dr. Anne Taylor of the University of Minnesota, one of the study's leaders.

Only 16.4 percent on *Bidil* required hospitalization for heart failure, versus 24.4 percent on the rest.

OPINION

Team Bush got its use out of 'moral values'

BY JONATHAN CHAIT

Dear rural/exurban Christian conservative voters: Congratulations on your election victory. By going to the polls in unprecedented numbers Nov. 2, you overwhelmed an enormous Democratic turnout and returned President Bush to office, along with a number of very conservative senators. Now Bush is preparing to repay your efforts by moving immediately on your highest priorities: a flat tax and privatizing Social Security.

Oh, wait. You didn't particularly hanker for those things, did you? The election is so far in the past now that it has receded into a hazy memory. But as I recall, you voted for Bush because of his position on one issue — he opposes gay marriage — and on the general principle that he is a godly man who shares your values. Now Bush has decided, conveniently enough, that these values are identical to those of his wealthy financiers.

... Bush is claiming the election as a mandate. There are, however, a couple of ways to interpret that. The conventional meaning is that a candidate gained office by promising to do a certain thing. Ronald Reagan in 1980 had a mandate to cut taxes and bolster the military.

Bill Clinton in 1992 had a mandate to raise taxes on the rich, expand health care, reform welfare. Those were the central promises of the two campaigns.

Bush uses the word somewhat differently. As he told reporters Thursday, "I earned capital in the campaign — political capital — and now I intend to spend it."

What that means is that all you small-town folk voted for him not to pursue an agenda but just because he embodies family values. That gives him political power that he can

use for purposes utterly unrelated to the source of his popularity. Sure, Bush mentioned some of these purposes in the campaign. But the references tended to be perfunctory and in code. Start with taxes.

Though Bush talks about tax "simplification," he doesn't seriously believe it. He has littered the tax code with complicated new provisions, including a ludicrous corporate tax bill stuffed with special provisions for sausage producers, foreign dog-race gamblers and the like. Simplification really means making the tax code flatter — i.e. less progressive. He doesn't care about making taxes simpler; he just wants rich people to pay a smaller share of them. There's little evidence to suggest small-town Ohioans flocked to the polls so they could have a portion of George Soros' tax burden shifted onto themselves.

On Social Security, Bush was just as evasive. Here, again, the tiny minority of people who closely follow this understood his code words.

He wants to divert Social Security taxes into private accounts. Because these taxes pay for the benefits of current retirees, his plan would require cutting benefits or driving the national debt even higher.

Bush, of course, went to great pains to distance himself from these unpopular facts. In 2001, he appointed a commission that proposed three plans to partly privatize Social Security, but he declined to embrace the panel's findings. A few weeks before the election, a New York Times Magazine story reported that Bush told GOP donors he planned to push privatization after the election. John Kerry's campaign circulated a nonpartisan study showing what the benefit cuts in one of the commission's plans would entail. Bush's spokesman dismissed the



charge that he favored privatization or benefit-cutting as a "false, baseless attack."

Here's what Bush said Thursday: "I had asked [Daniel Patrick Moynihan], prior to his passing, to chair a committee of notable Americans to come up with some ideas on Social Security, and they did so. And it's a good place for members of Congress to start."

Got that? Last week, if you had described Bush as advocating the commission's plans, he would have denounced you for promoting a hysterical lie. Now they are at the top of the list of things he's saying he was elected specifically to enact.

Meanwhile, what about opposing gay mar-

riage, the one mandate Bush might legitimately claim? Earlier this year, Bush barely lifted a finger in support of a constitutional amendment banning it. (Compare this to the furious arm-twisting he performs to get moderates to back his tax cuts.) If he has a mandate to do anything, it's to bring up the amendment again. However, he's said nothing about doing so, and nobody expects him to.

No surprise then — it's hardly in the Republican Party's interest. If gay marriage is banned everywhere, what's going to bring all those heartland conservatives to the polls next time?

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Today's officeholders put stat sheets over progress

BY B. JAY COOPER

Where have you gone, Tip O'Neill? For that matter, Bob Michel, Mike Mansfield, Bob Dole, Howard Baker and George Mitchell? In your day, we could depend on the leaders of our two major parties in the Congress to do what was — at least, most of the time — best for the majority of Americans and their families. You'd have your rhetorical and ideological battles. Sure, we needed that. But, when you had to, you worked out your differences and came to a compromise that didn't give either side the whole loaf, but allowed everyone to come away with a few crumbs.

Democrats or Republicans couldn't claim a clear victory, but the American people normally could.

What happened to those days? Now, with the 2004 election over we're probably right back where we started from. There'll be a honeymoon period in name but not in reality. The president will announce his 100-day plan and the senators and congressmen will applaud his State of the Union. And, 101 days from the inauguration, if not sooner, we'll be back into a polarized situation with rhetoric winning over governance.

The media will want a winner or a loser, not a gray area, and contribute unwittingly to the polarization that their editorial pages will then heatedly demand be ended immediately. And we'll get little progress on the major issues of the day.

Remember when a congressman from a small state all of a sudden would appear in a national news story breaking a resolution to a complicated problem? When's the last time you read a story like that? Now it's toe the

party line or don't get that choice committee assignment; or preferred restricting; or the vitally needed visit by top party leaders to raise money.

We've got a bunch of men and women we elect who would rather look good losing than compromising and moving an issue down the road.

This isn't to say that today's leaders aren't smart, well-intentioned folks with some good ideas. But when it comes time to get the job done the process hits a wall.

Ronald Reagan stood strong in his beliefs. Everyone knew what his principles were and where he wanted to take the country. But he didn't take his ball and go home when he didn't get his way. He worked things out.

Some anti-Reagan pundits can rewrite history and say he was a "my way or the high-

way" kind of guy. But the record doesn't show that.

The record shows that Congress passed major — even landmark — legislation in his two terms. There was gripping, sure — that's politics and the posturing that comes with it. But there were negotiations. Remember the big budget negotiations, for example, when congressmen fought to be on the negotiating teams? When's the last time you saw that process used? Where did we go wrong? I'm not sure we did. We have seen a very-right wing take over the Republican Party's structure and policy-making. But they earned it. ... They did the grass-roots work that politics calls for to gain power.

The same thing has happened in the Democratic Party, where labor and other groups did the work and won the spoils, where Hol-

lywood types can gain the spotlight at key times to push their agendas. After all, they can raise a lot of money and grab a lot of headlines and then just as easily fade back into their movie roles and concert tours. ...

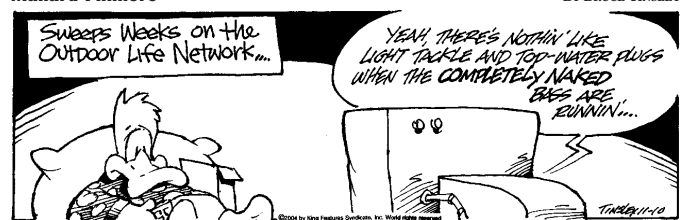
But where are the men and women who close a deal and remember that one key rule of negotiations is trying not to make the other person look bad even if they aren't getting everything they want? Both sides could walk out of the conference room with dignity and something for their constituencies.

It wasn't that long ago we had that quality of person in politics.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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IN THE WORLD

Arafat sinks deeper into coma

Palestinian leaders planning for burial

BY JOHN LEICESTER
The Associated Press

PARIS — Yasser Arafat's condition deteriorated dramatically overnight as his coma deepened, but the Palestinian foreign minister said Tuesday he is "still alive" and his brain, heart and lungs are working.

Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath said the 75-year-old Arafat was in critical condition. Shaath spoke after two Palestinian officials went to the hospital outside Paris where Arafat has been for nearly two weeks.

At a news conference in Paris, Shaath said the Palestinian leadership wanted to end rumors and speculation about Arafat's health. Media reports have speculated that Arafat had either died or was brain dead.

"His brain, his heart and his lungs are still functioning and he is alive," Shaath said.

Shaath, referring to reports that Arafat might be removed from life support, said the possibility of euthanasia has been "ruled out."

"We don't have a full understanding of why his state has deteriorated, which means we don't have a full diagnosis," Shaath said. He said Arafat's nearly three-year confinement



Arafat



Left to right, Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia, French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier, former Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas and Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath gather prior to their meeting in Paris on Tuesday. Qureia and other top Palestinian officials are in France to visit critically ill Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, but how close they would get to his bedside remained unclear after Arafat's wife Suha accused them of wanting him dead.

at his headquarters in the West Bank contributed to his deterioration.

Palestinian leaders, meanwhile, made preparations for Arafat's eventual death, deciding that he will be buried at the West Bank headquarters, Deputy Parliament Speaker Hassan Khreish told The Associated Press.

"We formed a committee to handle Arafat's burial in the event of his death, and the burial will be in the Muqata'a," Khreish said, referring to the Ramallah headquarters by its Arabic name.

Israel has ruled out a burial in Jerusalem or the city's West Bank suburb of Abu Dis.

A Palestinian official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the decision was made by Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia and the No. 2 in the Palestinian Liberation Organization, Mahmoud Abbas, the current caretaker leaders.

The official said the Ramallah burial would be considered temporary, until Arafat could be reburied in Jerusalem.

Top Islamic cleric Taisir Dayut Tamimi said he was rushing from the West Bank to Arafat's bedside at the request of Palestinian officials. Tamimi, the head of the Islamic court in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, said he

was going to Paris "to be near President Arafat at this crucial time."

A top Palestinian official, Tayeb Abdel Rahim, said Arafat had suffered a brain hemorrhage Monday night at the Percy Military Training Hospital outside Paris.

A senior Palestinian official said earlier that Arafat has only hours to live. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, was in Ramallah and had been briefed by Palestinian officials in Paris.

Abdel Rahim said Palestinian leaders would meet through the night at Arafat's headquarters "to follow everything and to agree on the details of the required arrangements."

Arafat's wife, Suha, has used French privacy laws to bar access to the Palestinian leader and there have been frequently conflicting reports about his health.

The news of Arafat's deteriorating condition came amid a dramatic dispute between Suha Arafat and Palestinian officials whom she accused of trying to topple the leader after four decades in power.

In an angry outburst, Arafat's wife had accused the leaders of traveling to Paris to try to ouster her husband from power and "bury" him "alive."

Shaath said after the visit that the dispute with Arafat's wife was over.

Powell sees no change in foreign policy

The Associated Press

LONDON — President Bush will continue his "aggressive" foreign policy and will not hesitate to act alone, Secretary of State Colin Powell said in an interview published Tuesday.

"The president is not going to trim his sails or pull back," The Financial Times quoted Powell as saying in an interview on Monday. "It's a continuation of his principles, his policies, his beliefs."

Although the United States' policies would also be in the interest of friends and alliances and "multilateral in nature," the country would act alone where necessary, he said.

Powell said U.S. foreign policy had been "aggressive in terms of going after challenges, issues," and that Bush was "going to keep moving in this direction."

The secretary of state said Bush would convey to European leaders that he was "anxious to reach out" to them, and he said the United States could get over its disagreements with France, Germany and Russia, The Financial Times reported.

Powell said the prospect of a transition in the Palestinian leadership raised by Yasser Arafat's illness was a chance to move the Middle East peace process ahead.

"We are ready to seize this opportunity aggressively," Powell said, describing the peace process as "one of the biggest overhangs in our foreign policy, the way it is perceived."

Traveling to Mexico on Monday, Powell told reporters that he was "impressed by the manner in which Palestinian leaders back in the territories have been discussing among themselves how to move forward."

Nepal blast injures dozens

Maoist rebels suspected in explosion at mall construction site

BY BINAJ GURUBACHARYA
The Associated Press

KATMANDU, Nepal — Suspected rebels set off a powerful bomb in the Nepalese capital on Tuesday, wounding at least 38 people, police said.

Three men brought the bomb to a shopping mall that was still under construction in downtown Katmandu and then took off, police at the scene said.

It exploded minutes later, damaging parts of the building and wounding at least 38 people, a police official quoted Kulman Lama, a security guard at the building site, as saying.

No one has taken responsibility for the blast, but police blamed Maoist rebels who have been fighting since 1996 to replace Nepal's monarchy with a communist state.

The injured were workers at the construction

site, pedestrians and shoppers at nearby roadside stalls. They were rushed to nearby Bir Hospital for treatment.

Soldiers cordoned off the area and were investigating the explosion.

The blast occurred next to Katmandu's main market, which was crowded with shoppers ahead of a popular Hindu festival that begins Wednesday. A taxi and two cars were also slightly damaged.

The explosion was loud enough to be heard in most parts of the capital. Katmandu's police chief Ashok Shrestha said it was the first major rebel attack in the past few months in the city.

Fighting between the rebels, who say they are inspired by Chinese revolutionary leader Mao Zedong, and government forces has escalated since the guerrillas withdrew from a seven-month cease-fire last year. The insurgency has claimed more than 10,000 lives.

Suspect outwits police

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A handcuffed burglary suspect escaped from police custody at his home in Puerto Rico after asking an officer if he could turn off his stove, officials said Tuesday.

The incident occurred Monday in the central mountain town of Utuado when Officer Luis Rios Rodriguez arrested Serrall Vega Vilafane, 36, at his home, a police spokeswoman said.

Vega was charged at the town courthouse with aggravated burglary and weapons possession, but a judge permitted Rios to take Vega back to his home to retrieve the keys to his car, police said. Before leaving the house, Vega asked the officer if he could check his stove to make sure it was turned off.

Taking advantage of the officer's trust, Vega jumped from a second-floor deck and disappeared

into surrounding woods, the spokeswoman said. He remained at large on Tuesday.

Cure sought for hippos

KAMPALA, Uganda — An anthrax outbreak has killed 194 hippos in western Uganda, wildlife officials said Tuesday, and scientists are struggling to develop a way to quickly diagnose and contain the disease.

The first hippos died in late July in Queen Elizabeth National Park, but it took months of research and testing to determine the cause, said John Bosco Nuwe, the park's chief warden. The disease has also killed 14 buffaloes, he said.

Unconfirmed reports said 10 people died after eating infected hippo meat, but officials could not verify these reports.

"We are vaccinating the livestock around the park or those in close proximity," Nuwe said.

The Associated Press

Dutch police investigate church attacks

By ROBERT WIELAARD

The Associated Press

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — Police investigated attacks against two Protestant churches on Tuesday as mourners gathered for the funeral of a filmmaker whose murder by an alleged Islamic extremist triggered retaliatory attacks against Muslim landmarks.

Officials in the central Dutch towns of Utrecht and Amersfoort said molotov cocktails were thrown at churches, causing minor damage but no injuries.

Since the Nov. 2 slaying of Theo van Gogh, whose last film was critical of how women are treated under Islam, fires have been set at mosques and an immigrant social center has been vandalized.

On Monday, a pre-dawn explosion in the southern town of Eindhoven wrecked the front door of an Islamic elementary school and shattered windows in nearby homes. No one was injured.

"The Netherlands is a nation where people ought

to want to meet one another, where cultures meet each other," Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende said on Dutch television Monday.

Theo Van Gogh, a distant relative of the Dutch impressionist painter Vincent Van Gogh, was repeatedly shot and stabbed to death on an Amsterdam street. His throat was slashed and a five-page note threatening the lives of several Dutch politicians was driven into his chest with a knife.

His murder came two months after the release of "Submission," his last film which Muslims have called insulting to Islam.

Six alleged Islamic radicals are in custody in connection with his death, including the alleged killer, 26-year-old Mohammed Bouyeri, who holds Dutch and Moroccan passports. All face charges of forming a terrorist conspiracy to murder Van Gogh.

There were also reported threats of reprisals against the Dutch government and people, posted on a Web site by a radical Islamic group in Dubai, if more mosques are attacked in the Netherlands.



German Social Democratic Party chairman Franz Muntefering, right, Berlin's Mayor Klaus Wowereit, center, and Christian Democratic Party chairman Angela Merkel lay commemorative wreaths at the wall memorial in the Bernauer Street in Berlin on Tuesday. A ceremony marked the 15th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Germany marks fall of Berlin Wall

By TONY CZUCZKA

The Associated Press

BERLIN — Germans marked a subdued 15th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall on Tuesday, with high unemployment in the formerly communist east and a sense in people's hearts that the nation has not yet fully reunited.

No big celebrations, parades or fireworks recalled Nov. 9, 1989, the day East Germany's communist regime opened the wall almost by accident and set off national euphoria that peaked with German reunification 11 months later.

At a preserved section of the wall in central Berlin, Mayor Klaus Wowereit laid a wreath for the more than 200 East Germans killed while trying to escape to the West during the barrier's 28-year existence.

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder issued a statement hailing Nov. 9 as "a day of the triumph of freedom and democracy," and praised East Germans for overthrowing communist rule peacefully.

But a former East German pro-democracy activist captured much of the eastern mood, saying he was "not so happy" because of the region's mass unemployment.

"Many people no longer value the wonderful gift of freedom because they say: What use is freedom if they are shut out from jobs?" Friedrich Schorlemmer, a Protestant minister, said on WDR radio.

As time has passed, Germans have focused on the staggering cost of rebuilding the east, not the peaceful revolution that toppled the wall and the Stalinist rulers who built it.

Architects of reunification, led by former Chancellor Helmut Kohl, urged Germans to take pride in their achievements anyway. "We have every reason to be proud," Kohl was quoted as say-

ing in the Bild newspaper. "Of course, a lot remains to be done and major efforts are still needed in some places to create flowering landscapes. And we will make it."

But critics often cite Kohl's 1990 promise of flowering landscapes for the east as a reason for the disillusionment that followed when West German capitalism swept away eastern industry and several million jobs.

The east's jobless rate — 17.5 percent — more than twice that of the west.

Kohl conceded that after 40 years apart at Europe's Cold War front line, Germany's division "ran much deeper than I thought."

The wall was brought down by the offhand remark of a communist official at a Nov. 9, 1989, news conference.

Under pressure from nationwide pro-democracy demonstrations, East Germany's regime was looking for ways to contain the revolt.

Guenther Schabowski, the ruling Politburo's spokesman, made the announcement: East Germany was lifting restrictions on travel across its border with West Germany after nearly three decades of isolation.

Asked by a reporter when the new regulation would take effect, Schabowski fumbled, then said "immediately, without delay."

That night, East Berliners were jamming the first crossing to West Berlin. In a dramatic moment that helped end the Cold War, armed East German border guards gave up and let them cross. Later that night, Berliners danced on the wall.

The wall was a 97-mile reinforced concrete barrier that ran through the center of the capital and around then-West Berlin.

Though only a few pieces remain standing, the wall and several museums dedicated to it remain tourist attractions.

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Released by fax

AR MARION — An inmate charged with theft escaped twice in one week, including once after his wife had a forged letter authorizing his release faxed to the jail from a McDonald's official said.

Tristan Wilson, 20, was in custody and being treated for a broken leg he apparently suffered after jumping from a second-story window. Officials said he would be charged with two counts of escape.

Wilson, originally jailed on theft, forgery and burglary charges, first escaped Oct. 30. Officials said jailers freed him after receiving a letter allegedly written by a detective authorizing his release.

Wilson's wife, Crystal Wilson, 19, and a friend have been charged with forging the letter.

Second chance for mom

IL SPRINGFIELD — The state Supreme Court has allowed a woman who served a prison term in Florida for the death of her child to regain custody of a 3-year-old boy born after she moved to Illinois.

Sheryl Hardy, who served nine years of a 30-year sentence in Florida, has been fighting Illinois for custody for 3-year-old Billy Hardy since he was born.

The Illinois 4th District Appellate Court ruled March 10 that she and her husband, Randy, should regain full custody of Billy.

The case stems from the 1989 death of Hardy's 2-year-old son, Bradley McGee, in Florida. Hardy testified that she smoked a cigarette while her former husband, Thomas Coe, punished the boy for soiling his pants by lifting him by his ankles and repeatedly dunking him in a toilet. Bradley died the next day of head injuries.

Hardy admitted she also had abused Bradley.

She was convicted of second-degree murder. Coe was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison.

Officer behind bars

GA DECATUR — Authorities arrested a man for allegedly kidnapping and attacking a police officer, but after an investigation they released the suspect and put the officer behind bars.

Officer Ronald W. Jones was charged with kidnapping and other offenses and resigned from the force, DeKalb County Police Louis Graham said.

Jones, 47, had reported that he arrested Robert Williams on Oct. 31 for loitering, but claimed Williams overpowered him, stuffed him into the trunk of his own police car and drove him to a wooded area, where he tried to kill him. Jones said he managed to draw a knife and stab Williams, who then ran away.

Human trafficking

NY CENTRAL ISLIP — A couple pleaded guilty to charges of smuggling dozens of illegal immigrants from Peru and forcing them into "virtual servitude" to pay for their passage.

Jorge Ibanez and Maruliz Zavala, both 43, pleaded guilty in a deal



with prosecutors to charges that include conspiring to commit forced labor, transporting undocumented workers and providing them with forged green cards.

The couple was arrested during June 21 raids on three houses they owned in Suffolk County, where authorities found 69 aliens, including 13 children, living in what were described as squalid conditions.

Ibanez and Zavala could face more than 7 years in federal prison under the agreement.

Car wreck kills 5

TX ALTAIR — Four high school girls and a toddler died when the vehicle they were riding in lost control and slid into the path of an oncoming tractor-trailer, authorities said.

The car's driver, 16-year-old Christina Llanos, and truck driver Dan Thomas Tucker, 52, were the only survivors, DPS spokeswoman Lisa Block said. Both were treated and released.

The crash happened about a mile from Rice Consolidated High School, where the teenage girls were enrolled.

Authorities were working to determine the cause of the accident.

Back in business

MI MUSKEGON — After an early end to its inaugural season, the Lake Express

high-speed ferry that crossed Lake Michigan in 2½ hours is getting a rave review from Michigan tourism officials.

The \$18 million ferry began making the 76-mile run between Milwaukee and Muskegon beginning June 1. It has a capacity of 250 passengers and 46 vehicles.

The West Michigan tourism industry has been promoting revival of cross-lake ferry service for decades and had been planning for Lake Express for months. From the community image and summer tourism season perspectives, the efforts were all worth it, they said.

No dice for ex-governor

LA BATON ROUGE — A federal judge denied former Gov. Edwin Edwards' latest attempt to overturn his 2000 conviction for extorting payoffs in return for riverboat casino licenses.

In a ruling made public, U.S. District Judge Ralph Tyson also declined to throw out the related conviction of Edwards' son, Stephen Edwards. Both men are serving prison sentences in the scheme.

The defense motion, filed in February, claimed in part that the trial's presiding judge was biased against the four-term governor and could have been impaired by strong painkillers taken for a back injury.

Tyson's ruling said the defense "failed to point to any facts that raise a bona fide doubt as to the mental or physical competency of the trial judge."

Alleged discrimination

WA SEATTLE — Security guards in a Seattle-area school district handcuffed black students, twisted their arms and grabbed their hair, the NAACP alleged in a lawsuit.

Black students, who make up 10 percent of the Kent School District's 26,000 students, were subjected to more corporal punishment than others in violation of state constitutional guarantees of equal protection and a law barring corporal punishment in schools, the lawsuit said.

The treatment violated the students' civil rights and damaged their ability to learn, lawyers for the group said.

Becky Hanks, a spokeswoman for the district, said it "rejects any claim that there's been any discrimination or mistreatment."

Outcry over creationism

WI GRANTSBURG — The city's school board has revised its science curriculum to allow the teaching of creationism, prompting an outcry from more than 300 educators who urged that the decision be reversed.

School board members believed that a state law governing the teaching of evolution was too restrictive. The science curriculum "should not be totally inclusive of just one scientific theory," said Joni Burgin, superintendent of the district of 1,000 students in north-west Wisconsin.

Last month, when the board examined its science curriculum, language was added calling for "various models/theories" of origin to be incorporated.



Stealth attack

Soaked in the reflections of the setting sun and Florida pines, an alligator swims along the bank of a small pond in Delton Springs, Fla.



Friendly greeting

Rankin Henry, 77, of Rochester Hills, Mich., has a close encounter of the furry kind as he is greeted by two inquisitive squirrels during his walk through Rochester Municipal Park on his way to the library.



Spinning in the sun Fairgoers take a spin on a ride at the Volusia County Fair in Deland, Fla.



Feeding frenzy Jeff Stewart, of Lynn, Mass., is overtaken by hungry pigeons as he doles out food from a bench at Downtown Crossing in Boston.



Autumn colors

The afternoon sun highlights the bright fall colors on a tree in Hart Park in Bakersfield, Calif.



Harvest season

Combine driver Steve Dexter and his dad, Bruce Dexter, harvest corn after a delay caused by rainy weather on their farm west of Princeton, Iowa.

Transplants to resume

NY ALBANY — Patients needing heart transplants can again turn to Albany Medical Center for the operations.

Hospital officials announced that the state Department of Health and the United Network for Organ Sharing, which is federally contracted to run the nation's transplant system, have cleared the way for the program to reopen.

The hospital shut the program down on Oct. 3, 2003, after a UNOS audit and internal review found the severity of some patients' conditions had been exaggerated in order to move them up the waiting list for a cadaver organ.

A committee of doctors, nurses and administrators will now review each patient's status before the information is sent to UNOS.

It was not clear when the next heart transplant would take place.

Steer clear of the flock

WI MILWAUKEE — Wildlife researchers leading a flock of young whooping cranes south for the winter are warning people to stay out of their way after an apparently curious ultralight pilot disturbed the endangered birds.

A team of pilots is leading 14 whooping cranes from Wisconsin to central Florida, using an ultralight plane and even wearing crane-like costumes to minimize the birds' contact with humans.

Last month in Illinois, another ultralight flew about 100 feet behind the researchers' plane, without radio contact, scaring the birds, said Joe Duff, chief executive officer of Operation Migration, who was flying the research plane at the time.

"It's when the cranes blast ahead of the aircraft like that that things become dangerous," because the birds could collide with wires atop the aircraft, Duff told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. "The guy was probably nothing more than curious, but that's the last thing I'd do — fly behind or beside another ultralight. The pilot can't see you."

Football players sorry

VT EAST MONTPELIER — Three high school football players apologized to a black player at a rival school amid a made play up a cross bearing the player's name as a prank.

The Montpelier High School players — one of whom is black — told Principal Peter Evans they were just getting ready for last month's homecoming game against U-32 High School and wanted to "psyche" out its star running back, Dwight Lipsey.

Evans said the students told him their original idea was to make a tombstone with the letters "RIP" on it, but they ended up with a cross from old Halloween decorations, wrote "RIP Dwight" on it and stuck in the football field the day before the game.

E. coli outbreak spreads

NC RALEIGH — An outbreak of E. coli infections linked to last month's state fair may be larger than previously thought, with more than 100 additional cases under review, health officials.

The number of confirmed infections grew to 31, and the state De-

partment of Health and Human Services was investigating 103 more cases.

Department spokesman Bill Furney attributed the additional reports to heightened awareness among doctors and the public.

"We're in a state where we are looking for it," he said.

The most common link among victims is that some visited a petting zoo at the fair. Many children were infected, including three who developed a serious complication that can cause kidney failure.

The E. coli bacteria can pass to humans who eat contaminated meat or contact animals, manure or contaminated surfaces.

Nurse: Test man for HIV

PA PITTSBURGH — A nurse has asked a judge to order a man to take an HIV test because she was accidentally stuck with a needle she used to give him insulin.

According to her petition, filed in Pittsburgh, Kimberly Pitts was stuck with the needle Oct. 31 at Mercy Hospital. The man who isn't named in the petition, is infected with hepatitis C and used drugs, placing him at a high risk to carry HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, but he refused to take the test, the petition states.

"This is an unusual circumstance. It's the first time in our recollection where a patient refused the test," said Linda Ross, a spokeswoman for Mercy Hospital, which supports Pitts' petition.

Under Pennsylvania law, patients may refuse to take an HIV test but hospitals can test their blood if a doctor agrees there was a "significant exposure" to the virus. It's unclear if the hospital has a sample of the patient's blood.

Birders heading south

TX HARLINGEN — A South Texas wildlife refuge is attracting plenty of new visitors — the two-legged variety.

About 1,200 bird watching enthusiasts have registered for the Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival.

Birding enthusiasts from around the country come to South Texas each year to glimpse American rarities like the great kiskadee, the green jay and the chachalaca, said Marc Fuller, the event's chairwoman. Last month, Valley officials opened the World Birding Festival, a \$7 million, 2,500-acre complex along the Rio Grande near Mission.

Teachers can give candy

AR LITTLE ROCK — Arkansas teachers have been told they can continue to reward students with candy, despite a state battle against childhood obesity in schools.

The Pulaski County School District had told elementary school principals last month that teachers could no longer hand out candy or ice cream as rewards.

But State Education Department director Ken James said no such directive has been approved by the state Board of Education.

"We need to be conscious of what we are doing in terms of sugar content, but we have not dictated to schools that they cannot use these rewards," James said.

As a result, the district told teachers that they could resume handing out candy.

Stories and photos from wire reports

FACES

Dawn of a new Duran

The original Fab Five regroup to release first CD in more than two decades

BY REBECCA LOUIE
New York Daily News

There's nothing like releasing a rotten record to fuel nostalgia for a band at its bygone peak. In 2000, Duran Duran unleashed the critical and commercial flop "Pop Trash."

"It was a complete disaster. I was thinking, 'How do I get out of this?'" singer Simon LeBon recalls. He and keyboardist Nick Rhodes were the only members of the hitmaking early 1980s edition of the British group to collaborate on the record. Three years ago, LeBon, in a fit of depression, consulted former Duran Duran bassist John Taylor, who quit the band as it began recording 1997's "Medazzaland."

"John came up with the rather ingenious brainwave that we get the band together," LeBon says. "It was something I had been thinking about, at least once a day, since 1988."

LeBon, Rhodes, Taylor, drummer Roger Taylor and guitarist Andy Taylor (who are unrelated) first reconvened in an office in London.

"We sat around a table and started talking," Rhodes says.

"Within 10 minutes, it was as if all the space between us, over all these years, had melted away. We were arguing about the same things, like where are we going to do the album, when, how, who is going to take care of what? Ever-

erybody's character was still intact, for better or for worse."

Though they had not all recorded together since 1983's "Seven and the Ragged Tiger," they composed more than 30 tracks, 13 of which made it onto the recently released "Astronaut," the first in a four-album deal with Sony. "It was really quite joyous to be back together," Rhodes says of the first recording session in the south of France in June 2001. "We all had time to play with other people, and I think we realized the power and chemistry of this lineup."

That energy was tested when the group reunited for a second recording session in September 2001. The group wrote several somber pieces in response to the Sept. 11,

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Simon LeBon

2001, attacks.

"The attacks had a profound affect on us," LeBon says. "But there is no point on the album where there is hopelessness. We never give up hope as a band. For us, there is always a light at the end of the tunnel."

Named after a character in Roger Vadim's 1968 psychedelic sci-fi movie "Barbarella," Duran Duran formed in Birmingham, England, in 1978. Initially a leading light of the flamboyant New Romantics movement that emerged

from the New Wave, the group, adored by teenage girls, swiftly became a pop phenomenon. This was thanks to the guys' pinup looks and their clever pop videos for such catchy hits as "Girls on Film," "Rio," and "The Reflex."

Exhausted after a series of sold-out tours, Duran Duran went on hiatus in 1985. LeBon, Rhodes and drummer Roger Taylor formed Arcadia, John and Andy Taylor had a brief run with singer Robert Palmer in Power Station in 1985 and a less successful one in 1996. Duran Duran also had a mid-1990s comeback with the hits "Ordinary World" and "Come Undone."

"Other acts were never able to get past the 1980s," says Rick Krim, executive vice president of music and talent at VH1. "Madonna survived by being a chameleon, changing with the times. AC/DC hasn't done a single thing different in 30 years and they may be as big now as they ever were. Duran Duran managed to do a little bit of both. The guys still look great and manage to make contemporary music that sounds like Duran Duran but is not necessarily nostalgic or retro."

"We've finally gotten to the stage where everybody is acting like they did when they were in their 20s," LeBon says. "Not in the way that we were up all night taking drugs and chasing women around, but where we just go and do what we have to do to get the job done. It used to be that everyone tried to inspire the other four people as much as they could. That's still there. And [knowing that] makes us a lot more aware of each other and what we can do, making us more tolerant and appreciative as well."

Actor Bussey agrees to pay up

Actor Gary Bussey and his landlord have settled a lawsuit filed against the star after he stopped paying the rent on his Malibu, Calif., home, court officials said.

Bussey's lawyer, Vicki Roberts, said Saturday the star of "The Buddy Holly Story" handed over a check for \$30,000 in back rent.

Under the settlement, the landlord must make repairs to the home, including fixing problems with the ventilation system.

Bussey has lived in the modest three-bedroom home with ocean views for more than a decade. He claimed that dust and mold in the ventilation system affected his breathing and stopped paying the \$6,000 per month rent when the problems didn't get it fixed.



Bussey

Belushi, Catwoman in neighborhood tiff

Actor James Belushi has sued next-door neighbor Julie Newmar for \$4 million in damages, accusing the actress of a "campaign of harassment" designed to drive him from his Los Angeles home.

Belushi, 50, claims in the lawsuit filed Nov. 2 that Newmar destroyed a fence and landscaping at the home in the posh Brentwood neighborhood and repeatedly made defamatory statements about him to neighbors and friends.

The lawsuit also claims that Newmar spat on Belushi's family from her residence and caused a nuisance by playing loud music directed at his backyard.

Belushi says the actions of the actress who played Catwoman in the 1960s television series "Batman" caused



Belushi

emotional distress and harmed his reputation and career.

Besides \$4 million in damages, Belushi is seeking an injunction against the actress and attorneys' fees.

'Polar Express' director honored

Director Robert Zemeckis, traveling on "The Polar Express," stopped long enough to pick up a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Zemeckis, who won an Oscar for directing "Forrest Gump," received the 2,268th star Friday.

Frequent collaborator Tom Hanks attended the ceremony along with hundreds of other fans.

"He is, to film, a visionary," Hanks said. "He is what Paul McCartney is to music."

The director of the "Back to the Future" trilogy, "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" and "Cast Away" is known for using pioneering technology to create otherworldly action in his films.

"The Polar Express" is no exception. Zemeckis used motion capture computerization.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



Duran Duran — from left, John Taylor, Roger Taylor, Simon LeBon, Nick Rhodes and Andy Taylor — show off their Lifetime Achievement award during the MTV Video Music Awards in August 2003 in New York. In the fledgling early days of MTV, Duran Duran were mainstays, with exotic videos such as "Hungry Like The Wolf" and "Rio."

YOUR MONEY

Takes five steps to set up an e-mail inbox in Outlook

Q. I would like to know if there is a way within Outlook Express, or with some other software, to set up my e-mail rules so that only mail from those e-mail addresses in my address book is delivered to my Inbox. And more important, those messages from people not in my address book don't get through.

It seems this would be an easy program to develop, and I think it would be the answer to spam, etc. — Mark Spall @cox.net

A. Let me walk you through the steps needed in Microsoft Outlook Express 6, the most recent version, to do roughly what you want, Mr. S.

You are right on the money in concluding that one can avoid almost the entire spam problem simply by creating a so-called white list that only accepts people in one's Windows address book.

Click on Tools in the Outlook Express main display and select Message Rules. This brings up wizard prompts that walk one through creating rules for handling incoming mail and then implementing them.

The wizard amounts to filling in a form stating various conditions and then using two other forms below the first for ordering actions and defining each condition that will trigger the rule. In your case, the rule is to set aside all messages from people in your address book and ignore all others.

Start by putting a check mark in the first box in the rules wizard list, which specifies how to handle messages with people in the From line in each message.

Now look at the bottom box, and you will find the words "contains people" highlighted. Click on the highlight, and you get a box that will let you enter

the names, one by one, of people who send messages.

This tool also has an Address Book button that lets a user call up the address book that is part of Windows.

You can go through the address book and pick individuals or just select them all.

Now look at the box in the center of the three for the actions to be taken when messages from the selected people come in. Check the action "Move to Specified Folder." This brings up a display of folders, including a button for making a new folder.

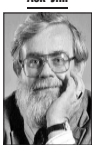
You will want to create a folder with a distinctive name and then open it instead of using the conventional Outlook inbox each time you use the software. The rules in Outlook Express stop short of letting you move stuff from that address-book white list into the default inbox that always opens when the mail software is started.

Now that you know this trick, you can go back and do other rules, such as automatically deleting stuff from unapproved senders or sending that stuff to yet another special set-aside folder in case you later want to check out what's been coming in but not seen. Since the software executes rules in the order they are written, it is possible to set up a second rule that sends everything that arrives to the delete folder.

People with other versions of Outlook Express and with Microsoft Outlook will find the rules tools are very much like those described here.

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Name	Div P	Last	Chg	YTD %
Alliant Technologies	—	62	69	+7.5
Alcoa	—	24.32	+0.3	+1.2
Boeing	1.05	52.07	+0.5	+2.6
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Emerson	—	22.53	+0.1	+0.4
Electronic Data Sys	.44	22.53	+0.1	+0.4
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General Electric	.20	35.17	+0.1	+1.4
General Electric	.20	35.17	+0.1	+1.4
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KEY MUTUAL FUNDS						
High	Low	High	Low	High		
52-week	Low	High	Low	52-week		
High	Low	High	Low	High		
Alcoa	34.00	24.32	+0.3	Gold	607.57	+0.34
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EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro	\$1.327
British pound	\$1.540
Japanese yen (Nov. 10)	\$0.007
South Korean won (Nov. 9)	\$0.0006
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	\$3.7698
British pound	\$1.540
Canada (Dollar)	\$1.540
Denmark (Krone)	\$1.2911
Egypt (Pound)	\$1.2928
France (Euro)	\$1.2911
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.2911
India (Rupee)	\$1.2911
Indonesia (Rupiah)	\$1.2911
Israel (Sheqel)	\$1.2911
Japan (Yen)	\$0.007
Norway (Krone)	\$1.2911
Philippines (Peso)	\$1.2911
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	\$1.2911
Singapore (Dollar)	\$1.2911
South Korea (Won)	\$0.0006
Switzerland (Franc)	\$1.2911
Thailand (Baht)	\$1.2911
Turkey (Lira)	\$1.2911

Military exchange rates	
British pound	\$1.540
Canada (Dollar)	\$1.540
Denmark (Krone)	\$1.2911
Egypt (Pound)	\$1.2928
France (Euro)	\$1.2911
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.2911
India (Rupee)	\$1.2911
Indonesia (Rupiah)	\$1.2911
Israel (Sheqel)	\$1.2911
Japan (Yen)	\$0.007
Norway (Krone)	\$1.2911
Philippines (Peso)	\$1.2911
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Movie industry cracking down on film piracy

BY FRANK AHRENS

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The movie industry announced last week that it will launch its first wave of lawsuits later this month against those it alleges are illegally sharing copyrighted films on the Internet, following its peers in the record business, who say their yearlong lawsuit campaign against illegal song-sharing has deterred music piracy.

The Motion Picture Association of America, which represents major Hollywood studios such as Sony Pictures Entertainment and Viacom Inc.'s Paramount Pictures, plans to file more than 200 suits against computer users who put illegally obtained movies on Internet peer-to-peer (P2P) file-sharing services for other users to download and watch for free.

"Illegal movie trafficking represents the greatest threat to the economic basis of movie-making in its 110-year history," said new MPAA President Dan Glickman, who succeeded longtime MPAA head Jack Valenti in July. "People who have been stealing our movies believe they are anonymous on the Internet, and wouldn't be held responsible for their actions. They are wrong. We know who they are, and we will go after them, as these suits will prove."

The suits are likely to follow the recording industry's model of "John Doe" suits, meaning that the movie industry has discovered the Internet accounts of hard drives where it believes pirated movies are residing, but does not know the names of the holders of those accounts. If the courts allow the suits to go forward, the Internet service providers will have to hand over

the names of the account holders.

The suits are the first major act of Glickman's new tenure and mark a fundamental split in philosophy from Valenti, who found filing suits against potential customers, as the Recording Industry Association of America has done, distasteful.

The music industry — meaning the four major labels, Universal Music Group, Warner Music Group, EMI Group PLC and the newly merged Sony Music Entertainment and BMG Entertainment — has filed nearly 6,000 lawsuits against users, typically settling for less than \$5,000 each.

Within two months of the first lawsuits, the number of unique users on Kazaa — the Internet's largest P2P service and the prime spot for music-sharing — dropped by half, according to Nielsen/NetRatings, from 7 million users per week to 3 million per week.

The MPAA said details on which courts the suits would be filed in would be released later in the month.

The movie industry estimates that it loses more than \$3 billion a year in revenue because of illegal movie-sharing on the Internet and sales of pirated optical discs. DVD and analog versions of DVDs typically sold in Asia.) The movie industry has launched an anti-piracy campaign modeled after its well-known movie-rating system. A new logo has a capital "I" and reads: "Illegal Downloading: Inappropriate for all ages."

An MPAA poster shows hundreds of e-mail addresses and Internet addresses and reads: "Is This You? If you think you can get away with illegally trafficking in movies, think again."

Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

Subtle workplace sexism

The Associated Press

There's a subtle sexism still common at many companies when it comes to assessing female employees, according to a poll of human resource executives.

Managers don't give women performance evaluations that are as frank and straightforward as the ones they give to men. Reversing that trend begins with honest feedback from management, according to 96 percent of 1,780 HR professionals

polled about the subject.

That means giving women the same assessments as men, said Audra Bohannon, a senior vice president of Novations/J. Howard & Associates, a Boston-based human resource training and consulting firm.

"Management must listen more closely to what women are looking for, and not pull punches when their performance falls short, especially in areas that are not tied to a specific task," Bohannon said.

PRECIOUS METALS

London close	
Gold	\$434.30
Silver	\$7.47

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	
Prime rate	4.25
Federal funds market rate	1.675
30-year bond	4.93
Source: The Associated Press, Bank of America	



Horoscope

A formation involving the moon, Mars and Saturn emphasizes power struggles and cattiness, a la the women's team of "The Agnecies." Mars transits into Scorpio, and strong leadership is needed, so if you don't mind being momentarily unpopular, take charge. Issues of love and money are intertwined with our notions of what we deserve.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(November 10). You'll love the changes of this winding road of a year. Some of you will switch careers early in 2005. Others will have a change of marital status. Your biggest change, however, will be on the inside. Your spirituality will deepen as you come to realize yourself much better this year. By your next birthday, you will feel like you've been reborn.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You're in the mood for love or at least a really hot date. If there's someone you want to ask out, do it before the sun goes down, and, let the night work its magic. You might find it hard to concentrate at the office.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you're feeling lazy, don't be too hard on yourself. Even charging bulls like you need their downtime. Get over the hump by focusing on light tasks, such as making phone calls, reading research materials, and filing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Your negotiating skills will be called into play. A co-worker or client may be backing away from a deal, and it's up to you to draw him or her out. Renew interest by reviewing all your project's selling points.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Tie up loose ends. If you've been avoiding something that's making you unhappy at the office, face it instead of disappearing into your shell. Try writing in a notebook. On the way, you'll be able to see a solution.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Your charisma and success attract all

kinds of people into your life. Most of them are good for you. But there are others who are weak or jealous who will cling to you for dear life. Choose your friends wisely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Regarding a pet project you've been slaving over for weeks (or years), it's time for you to relinquish control. Send your baby into the world. There's only so far you can go on your own, but with the right team, you're unstoppable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

A stressful situation finally eases up as the focus shifts from you to someone else, probably a Scorpio. Take a deep breath, and let it all go. By tomorrow, whatever was bothering you will be just a memory.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

You're probably already feeling the effects of your ruling planet, Mars, giving your sign a nudge. Could you be any happier? You are positively electric and more than a little bit restless for the fun to begin.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Pivotal events in your early life made you who you are. You may suddenly find yourself wondering whatever happened to your best friend from grade school. Let go of any lingering fears or resentment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

There is a definite image you have of yourself that you want to get across. It's nice to look important, but it's more important to be nice. It's what's inside that counts, after all. Don't be afraid to show the world the real you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Put aside any worries you have concerning politics or religion. You can always worry later about the Middle East or fret over the fact that your candidate for president didn't win. Focus on who your friends are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Nobody is more attuned to the dwindling energies of another lunar cycle winding down than you, the last sign of the zodiac. You need plenty of rest so your body and mind can regenerate. Go ahead — ask for a little "me" time.

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Holiday Mathis



Calvin and Hobbes

PHOEN. MOM AND DAD LEFT. NOW WE'RE HERE ALONE WITH THE BABY SITTER FROM THE BLACK LAGOON.



YES, YES. DO YOU THINK SHE REMEMBERS HOW LONG TIME WE TALKED TO FLUSH HER SCIENCE NOTES DOWN THE TOILET?



OK, YOU GET IN BED. WHAT? IT'S NOT EVEN 10 PM!

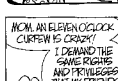


SHE REMEMBERS. ALL RIGHT. SHE CAN'T GET ANY MORE THAN THIS. WE'LL GET THE DESPERE SOUND.



Jump Start

That doll of yours kept me up all night!



I forgot to warn you...



'Babyneedsaki' has a lunar battery, she works best at night.



we were the same way when we were babies!

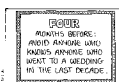


Zits

WOW, AN ELEVEN O'CLOCK CURFEW IS CRUZY! I OWNED THE SAME RIGGING AND TROUSERS THAT MY PARENTS GOT FROM THEIR PARENTS!



PIERCE, WHAT TIME IS IT? CURFEW?



OH, FROM NOW ON, YOUR CURFEW IS TEN THIRTY.



IF I NEED YOU TO STAY CLOSING FOR WATER BEFORE DIVING IN THE POOL.



Cathy

WEDDING COUNTDOWN! FIVE MONTHS BEFORE: GUY SPOONING TO ANNOY AND BRIDE HAVE A SUGGESTION.



SIX MONTHS BEFORE: AVOID ANNOY AND SPOONING ANNOY AND WANT TO A WEDDING IN THE LAST DECADE.



SEVEN MONTHS BEFORE: DONT ANNOY THE DRESS. DON'T ANNOY THE DRESS. OR BE IN THE DRESS FOR ONE AS A "BRIDE SPOON".



EIGHT MONTHS BEFORE: THE BRIDE'S EXPERIENCED INPUT OVERLOAD. DON'T EYE SCULPTURES!



Hi and Lois

HEY! THERE'S THE MAN IN THE MOON!



I WONDER IF HE'S EVER MET SUNBEAM?

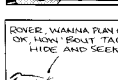


PROBABLY NOT, HE'S SUCH A NICE PERSON.

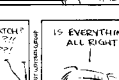


Beetle Bailey

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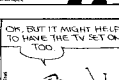
WON'T DO.



WHY NOT?



BAD ACRONYM.



Red and Rover

ROVER, WAAAINA PLAN CATCH? OK, HON! BOUT TAG?? HIDE AND SEEN??



IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?



I'M WAITING FOR MY FAVORITE DOG FOOD COMMERCIALS TO COME ON.



OK, BUT IT MIGHT HELP TO HAVE THE TV SET ON TOO.



Better or Worse

SHOULD I GO AND GET MEREEDITY? NOT YET, DAD. LET'S GET ORGANIZED. I'LL BE FIRST.



WHAT'S TO ORGANIZE? YOU HAVE NO SPACE WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO PUT A NEW BABY BEDROOM?



AND FOR HOW LONG? MONTHS AGO I SAID "GET SOMEWHERE TO PUT A NEW BABY BEDROOM" AND YOU SAID "I'LL BE FIRST"!



IF FREE? I WANT YOU TO SAY SOMETHING!



Peanuts

I HAVE THE HORRIBLE FEELING THAT WE'RE LOST.



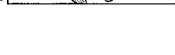
AH! A LOCAL RESIDENT...



PARDON ME, SWEETIE, BUT COULD YOU TELL ME WHERE WE ARE?



HEY, MA! LOOK! I FOUND A STRAY DOG!!



Fotrot



B.C.



Baby Blues



Spider Man



Blondie



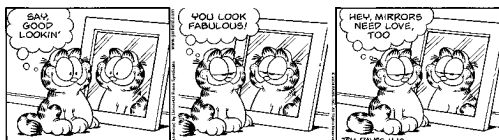
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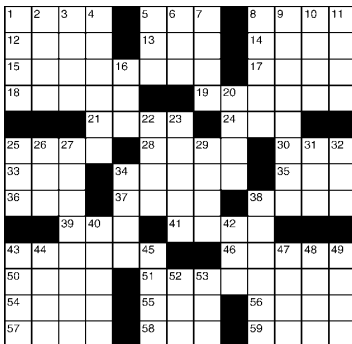
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Garfield



Eugene Sheffer Crossword



Across

- 1 Counterfeit
5 Sternward
8 Blue hue
12 Tramp
13 Mal de —
14 Island
entertainment
15 Praise highly
17 A Beverly Hillbilly
18 Where the action is
19 Exit
21 Writer Wiesel
24 Islet
25 Vendetta
28 Office shape
30 What "little lams eat"
33 Under the weather
34 "The Seven Year Itch" actor
35 Conk out
36 Ostich's kin
37 Rid of rind
38 Honey bunch?
39 Roman poker deck
41 Once around the sun
43 Grab
46 As luck — have it
50 Lug
51 "Just be patient"
54 The same (Lat.)
55 "— Miniver"
56 Put — writing
57 Cincinnati team

Down

- 58 Born
59 Cartoonist Thomas
1 Queens field
2 Session with a shrink
3 Competent
4 Day-dreamed
5 Chartres chum
6 Tasseled topper
7 Genealogy chart
8 "SNL" alumna
9 Late-December period
10 "— fair in ..."
11 Ayes' cancelers
16 Guy's date
20 Chutzpah
22 Davenport setting
23 — so often
25 "For shame!"
26 Shade source
27 Wailed
29 Sheltered
31 Complete
32 "Owner of a Lonely Heart" band
34 Grand-scale tale
38 Actor James
40 Particulars
42 Piercing tool
43 Commotion
44 Protuberance
45 Paean
47 Davis Cup org.
48 Kauai keepsakes
49 Fender bender
52 Pac. NW state
53 Work with

Answer to Previous Puzzle



11-10

CRYPTOQUIP

MCAOS H SJFHVIQJBI KICYJ
IZHI KCOS KIARRC HBS
FOHKIJY RZCKJ IZJ BHQJ

M.H.O.O.Q.H.Y.I?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF THE STATUE OF VENUS DE MILO IS REPAIRED, I SUPPOSE THAT'LL INVOLVE RE-ARMAMENT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals C

Perfect time to contact troops

Dear Abby: My name is Crystal and I am 24 years old.

For some time now, I have written to send letters to our troops overseas to express how much the citizens of this country appreciate and respect them and their families.

They sacrifice so much to serve our country. I would like the privilege of telling them we care about them, as well as the chance to make some new friends.

With the holidays quickly approaching, I believe it is even more important to show that we care. Could you please let me and your other readers know of a way we can e-mail or send regular mail to make all of this possible? I would also like to remind everyone that as we are all busy with cooking and shopping for the holidays, we should take some time to let our brave members of the military know we

care for them and their families.

God bless everyone in the world!

— **Appreciative in San Jose**
Dear Appreciative: Your sentiments are beautiful, and I can't think of a better time to express them than today — Veterans Day

— and also the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Following the 9/11 terrorist attacks and the anthrax scare, our Department of Defense suspended the Operation Dear Abby mail program. The DOD believed that mail made it too easy for terrorists to send bombs and/or other harmful agents to the military.

On Dec. 20, 2001, the Department of Defense and Dear Abby partnered to launch an official DOD Web site so that messages of support could be safely sent to our troops.

Dear Abby



Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 68440, Los Angeles, CA 90068. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.uxpress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

BAYSS

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

METHY

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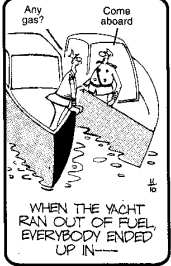
AROTTE

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

Answer: THE

Jumbles: SHEAF LEECH MODISH COWARD

Yesterday's Answer: What the bartender said when he shared his exotic drink recipe: "HERE'S HOW"



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Being too skinny a big problem

Dear Annie: I love your column. The reason I am writing is to ask for weight advice — not to lose weight, but to gain weight.

I am a 21-year-old man, and I've been skinny for as long as I can remember. I can eat anything I want and never gain a pound. While others see this as a blessing, it is a curse for me. I have been told my metabolism is just fast, and eventually it will catch up to me.

I hope so. I've tried weight-building nutritional drinks and the like, but have had no success.

Annie's Mailbox



mind, you are still young and your metabolism is likely to slow down over time. It will not be in your best interest to develop bad habits now.

If you start eating potato chips and cookies while lounging on the sofa, you'll regret it.

Dear Annie: My husband and I recently bought a business, and I'm totally swamped helping him run it. Because I'm the office as often, the housework is sacrificed. I feel so weighed down with all the responsibility. I also feel stretched and squeezed between the two places.

I am trying to be a good housewife and mother, but when I get home from the office, I'm too tired to do anything. Even if it gets halfway done, it's a mess again the next day. We're not the most organized people in the world, and we have so much stuff, I don't know where to put it all. Money is too tight to hire someone to help. I know they say, "A woman's work

is never done," but this is ridiculous. Do you have any insights for me?

— **Stuck in the Middle**

Dear Stuck: Woman's work!! The feminist fr is flying a bit over here, but we'll try to help. Your husband should be assisting with the housework. If you have children, enlist their efforts as well. There's no reason you must have two jobs while everyone else has one.

Make a list of what absolutely needs to be done (don't go overboard) and who does what. Post the list where everyone can see it.

Some things need only be done once a week. Save the more time-consuming stuff for the weekends. Many of our readers have recommended the Web site www.flylady.net for hints on becoming better organized. Check it out, and good luck.

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Family Circus



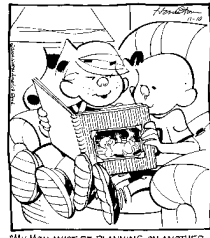
"I see the 'hot' and the 'cold.' Where's the one for 'warm'?"

GRAFFITI

I've been a pedestrian ever since I could walk.

MFA

Demis the Menace



"MY MOM MUST BE PLANNING ON ANOTHER BABY, 'CAUSE THERE ARE LOTS OF PAGES LEFT IN MY BABY BOOK."

© Gary Larson

The Far Side



Non Sequitur



SCOREBOARD

AFN-TV & Radio

Wednesday

AFN-Sports, 6 a.m.-Outdoors: Wall-Mart FLW Tour Finale.

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-Auto racing: Nestle Cup Checker 500.

AFN-Sports, 2 p.m.-NFL: Seattle at Denver (dir.).

AFN-Sports, 6 p.m.-College football: Toledo at Northern Illinois.

Thursday

AFN-Radio, 6 a.m.-College football: TCU at Louisville.

AFN-Radio, 1:30 a.m.-College football: TCU at Louisville.

AFN-Radio, 2 a.m.-NBA: Phoenix at Cleveland.

AFN-Sports, 6:30 a.m.-NBA: Sacramento at Seattle.

AFN-Sports, 12:30 a.m.-New Jersey at Philadelphia.

AFN-Sports, 6 p.m.-College football: TCU at Louisville (dir.).

All times Central European Time. Dir. indicates directed broadcast. Listings subject to change. Some radio broadcasts not available in all areas. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

College football

AP Top 25 schedule

Wednesday, Nov. 10

No. 12 Louisville vs. TCU

Thursday, Nov. 11

No. 11 Florida State at North Carolina State

Saturday, Nov. 13

No. 1 Southern Cal vs. Arizona

Sunday, Nov. 14

No. 2 Oklahoma vs. Nebraska

Monday, Nov. 15

No. 10 Texas vs. No. 9 Georgia

Tuesday, Nov. 16

No. 4 Wisconsin at Michigan State

Wednesday, Nov. 17

No. 1 Texas A&M vs. Northwestern

Thursday, Nov. 18

No. 10 Texas vs. Rice

Friday, Nov. 19

No. 13 West Virginia vs. No. 21 Boston College

Saturday, Nov. 20

No. 14 Boise State at San Jose State

Sunday, Nov. 21

No. 17 UK vs. Alabama, 7:45 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 22

No. 19 Iowa at Minnesota

Tuesday, Nov. 23

No. 20 Texas A&M vs. Washington State

Wednesday, Nov. 24

No. 22 Texas A&M vs. Texas Tech

Thursday, Nov. 25

No. 24 Notre Dame vs. Pittsburgh

Friday, Nov. 26

No. 25 Oklahoma State vs. Baylor

AFC Divisional Top 25

Nov. 9

Record	Pts
1. Pittsburgh Ste. (10)	62-15
2. Albany State (9)	52-3
3. Valdosta State (8)	51-52
4. Northwood Miss. (7)	50-49
5. Colorado State of Mines (6)	49-48
6. Texas A&M-Kingville (5)	47-47
7. Northwood, Mich. (4)	45-48
8. Winona State, Minn. (3)	44-44
9. Michigan Tech (2)	43-40
10. Eastern Michigan (1)	42-43
11. East Stroudsburg, Pa. (0)	31-36
12. Arkansas Tech (0)	30-35
13. Carson-Newman, Tenn. (0)	28-27
14. North Dakota (0)	26-27
15. Grand Valley State, Mich. (0)	24-24
16. South Dakota (0)	23-23
17. State College, Minn. (0)	21-21
18. Tuskegee, Ala. (0)	20-18
19. Central Oklahoma (0)	19-13
20. Bentley, Mass. (0)	12-29
21. Eastern Michigan (0)	11-21
22. Saginaw Valley State, Mich. (0)	7-24
23. Western Mich. (0)	6-7
24. Nebraska-Omaha (0)	3-10
25. Southeastern Oklahoma (0)	2-15

AFC Divisional Top 25

Nov. 9

Record	Pts
1. Mount Union, Ohio (38)	9-98
2. Lufkin, Ohio (2)	8-96
3. Hardin-Simmons, Texas (1)	9-92
4. Edinboro, Pa. (1)	8-77
5. Salisbury, Md. (1)	8-82
6. Concordia-Moham, Minn. (1)	8-77
7. Western Mich. (1)	8-78
8. Wayne, Mich. (1)	8-71
9. Delaware Valley, Pa. (1)	8-65
10. Wayne-Boyer, Texas (1)	8-60
11. Wheaton, Ill. (1)	8-59
12. Wayne, Mich. (1)	8-58
13. Rowan, N.J. (1)	7-98
14. Mount St. Joseph, Ohio (1)	7-94
15. Calumet, Wis. (1)	8-39
16. Wisconsin-Whitewater (1)	7-37

TANK McNAMARA

"IT'S NOT JUST ELECTIONS THAT CREATE LINE DYGES. GUS HAS ALLOWED US THEIR CHOICE TO WIN THE SEASON."

17. St. Norbert, Wis. (1)	9-31	29
18. Bridgewater, Va. (1)	7-30	20
19. St. Thomas, Minn. (1)	7-16	12
20. Trinity, Conn. (1)	7-10	10
22. Hobart, N.Y. (1)	7-11	16
23. Wheaton, Ore. (1)	7-16	06
24. Itasca, N.Y. (1)	7-2	90
25. Augustana, Ill. (1)	7-2	12

Golf

PGA Tour statistics

Final

1. Vijay Singh, 68.8	2. Ernie Els, 68.8	3. Tiger Woods, 69.4	4. Phil Mickelson, 70.0
5. Retief Goosen, 69.3	6. Sergio Garcia, 70.0	7. Fred Couples, 70.0	8. Adam Scott, 70.0
9. Aron Dinklage, 70.0	10. Scott Verplank, 69.2	11. 2 tied	12. 2 tied

Driving Distance

1. Hank Kueh, 314.4 yds.	2. Scott Verplank, 312.6	3. John Daly, 306.0	4. Mike Heinen, 305.2
5. Tim Lincecum, 304.0	6. Lucas Glover, 302.7	7. Geoff Ogilvy, 301.8	8. Chris Dowd, 302.1
9. Tiger Woods, 301.9	10. J. J. Henry, 301.3	11. Fred Funk, 299.7	12. Scott Verplank, 297.3

Putting Average

1. Jeff Brehaut, 7.9	2. total puttings in regulation and accuracy categories, 2	3. John Daly, 7.9	4. Phil Mickelson, 7.9
5. Retief Goosen, 7.9	6. Tiger Woods, 7.9	7. Chris O'Leary, 7.9	8. Adam Scott, 7.9
9. 11 tied	10. 11 tied	11. 11 tied	12. 11 tied

Greens in Regulation

1. Ernie Els, 73.3 percent	2. Vijay Singh, 72.4	3. Tiger Woods, 71.4	4. Phil Mickelson, 70.8
5. Retief Goosen, 70.6	6. John Senneker, 70.5	7. Chris O'Leary, 70.4	8. Robert Alton, 70.3
9. Tiger Woods, 69.0	10. Phil Mickelson, 68.5	11. 11 tied	12. 11 tied

Putting Average

1. Stewart Cink, 1.72	2. per green reached in regulation, 2	3. Tiger Woods, 1.72	4. Greg Lesh, 1.72
5. Tiger Woods, 1.72	6. Carl Peterson, 1.73	7. John Daly, 1.73	8. Brian Gay, 1.74
9. Tiger Woods, 1.74	10. Phil Mickelson, 1.74	11. 11 tied	12. 11 tied

Eagles

1. Vijay Singh, 4.40	2. Tiger Woods, 4.38	3. Phil Mickelson, 4.29	4. Ernie Els, 4.07
5. Retief Goosen, 4.05	6. Carl Peterson, 4.00	7. John Daly, 3.95	8. Geoff Ogilvy, 3.57
9. 3 tied	10. 3 tied	11. 3 tied	12. 3 tied

Sand Save Percentage

1. Dan Forsman, 63.2 percent	2. Joe Coccone, 61.3	3. Dennis Paulson, 61.4	4. Geoff Ogilvy, 61.5
5. Vaughn Taylor, 60.8	6. David Frost, 60.7	7. L. L. Dennis, 60.7	8. Hank Kueh, 60.7
9. Adam Scott, 59.3	10. Rod Pumping, 58.3	11. 11 tied	12. 11 tied

All-around Ranking

1. Geoff Ogilvy, 268 total	2. Tiger Woods, 268	3. Phil Mickelson, 266	4. John Daly, 259
5. Stephen Ames, 250	6. Tiger Woods, 245	7. Tiger Woods, 245	8. Tiger Woods, 245
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College basketball

Monday's men's scores

ARK-Monticello 71, Arkansas St. 66	ARK-Monticello 71, Arkansas St. 66
Cincinnati 103, Northern Kentucky 84	Cincinnati 103, Northern Kentucky 84
Cleveland St. 100, Ohio Dominican 78	Cleveland St. 100, Ohio Dominican 78
Memphis 101, Lincoln Tech 45	Memphis 101, Lincoln Tech 45
Northwestern 89, Montana Tech 48	Northwestern 89, Montana Tech 48
N. Illinois 101, Illinois Wesleyan 75	N. Illinois 101, Illinois Wesleyan 75
St. Joseph 77, St. Joseph 77	St. Joseph 77, St. Joseph 77
Syracuse 91, St. Rose 59	Syracuse 91, St. Rose 59

Monday's women's scores

EXHIBITION
 Duke 71, Everyone's Internet 57
 Houston Baptist 84, Xavier, NO 68
 Oklahoma St. 58, Baden Sports 46
 Texas A&M 79, Athletics in Action 66
 W. Illinois 75, SIU-Edwardsville 48

Soccer

C Young No. 7 for Rocket

At 42, Clemens is oldest to win pitching award

BY RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Roger Clemens easily won his record seventh Cy Young Award after putting off retirement and being about as dominant as ever — even at age 42.

The Rocket received 23 of 32 first-place votes and 140 points in balloting released Tuesday by the Baseball Writers' Association of America to win the NL Cy Young for the first time after capturing six Cy Youngs in the American League.

He's the oldest Cy Young winner. Gaylord Perry was 40 when he won the NL honor in 1978.

Clemens retired after pitching for the New York Yankees in the 2003 World Series, then changed his mind and signed with his hometown Houston Astros and went 18-4 with a 2.98 ERA and 218 strikeouts. Currently in Japan with a touring major league all-star team, he said last week he hasn't decided whether he will pitch in 2005.

Arizona's 41-year-old Randy Johnson, second to Clemens with five Cy Youngs, finished second in the voting with eight first-place votes and 97 points. Johnson went 16-14 with a 2.60 ERA and a major league-leading 290 strikeouts — Arizona scored two runs or fewer in 17 of his 35 starts.



Roger Clemens went 18-4 with a 2.98 ERA to lead the Houston Astros to the NL Championship Series and win his seventh Cy Young Award.

Houston's Roy Oswalt, who went 20-10 to lead the NL in wins, was third with 19 points, followed by San Francisco's Jason Schmidt with 13.

Clemens won three Cy Youngs with Boston (1986-87, 1991), two with Toronto (1997-98) and one with the New York Yankees (2001). He is the first player to win BBWAA awards with four teams, and the first to win eight awards — he was the AL MVP in 1986.

With a 328-164 record, Clemens is 10th on the career wins list, and his 4,317 strikeouts are second to Nolan Ryan's 5,714.

He signed with the expressed intent of helping the Astros reach the World Series for the first time, but Houston fell one win short. Clemens couldn't hold a 2-0 lead against St. Louis in Game 7 of the NL Championship Series, when Albert Pujols hit a tying double in the sixth inning, and Scott Rolen followed with a two-run homer in the seventh.

Clemens earned a \$100,000 bonus for winning the award, while Johnson got \$150,000 for finishing second. Oswalt and Schmidt earned bonuses of \$25,000 each.

GMs arrive in Florida ready to talk business

BY BEN WALKER
The Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Pedro Martinez, Randy Johnson and Carl Pavano might all wind up pitching in new places next season, possibly in pinstripes.

And longtime New York lefty John Franco could get a job offer, too — one that would leave him in the Mets' bullpen, just in a different role.

This is the week of the annual general managers' meetings, and many of them had already arrived at the ritzy oceanfront hotel by the time some other prominent guests — members of the heavy metal band Metallica — checked out Monday. Quickly, the baseball folks got down to business.

In the first trade of the offseason, San Diego sent outfielder Terrence Long and pitcher Dennis Tankersley to Kansas City for pitchers Darrell May and Ryan Buick.

Also, the Montreal Expos — still operating under that name, but expected to become the Washington Nationals real soon — cut reliever Rocky Biddle. Count the San Francisco Giants among the teams that came to Florida looking for a closer.

Boston in the playoffs by the eventual World Series champion Red Sox, the Yankees are sure to make a pitch for Martinez, Johnson and Pavano. Boston also is thinking about Pavano, 18-8 with a 3.00 ERA with Florida last season and possibly now out of the Marlins' financial range.

The New York Mets might have an interesting offer for Franco.

"He's someone we're interested in interviewing to be our bullpen coach," GM Omar Minaya said.

Francisco, 44, was 2-2 with a 5.28 ERA in 52 games last season.

He's aware the Mets might want him to coach, though he'd like to pitch a little longer.

Besides deals, there are other things to talk about during these five days. There will be a discussion about moving the July 31 trade deadline, and the topic of instant replay also was listed on the agenda.

"I think people want to see that the umpires get it right," said Bob Watson, vice president of on-field operations. "I think the postseason proved they could do it without instant replay."

Plus, there might be a debate about post-series hugs and handshakes, such as what took place between the St. Louis Cardinals and Los Angeles Dodgers after their first-round NL matchup. Fact is, a lot of old school executives didn't like it too much.

Along with the GMs, there was at least one prime player in town. Scott Boras, who represents



Carl Pavano went 18-8 with a 3.00 ERA for the Florida Marlins last season, making him one of the most sought-after free agent pitchers on the market.

free agents Carlos Beltran, Adrian Beltre, Derek Lowe, Jason Varitek, Magglio Ordonez, J.D. Drew and Kevin Millwood, breezed through the lobby.

"I'm late for another meeting," he said.

Traditionally, the GM gathering serves as a precursor for the winter meetings, to be held Dec. 10-13 in Anaheim, Calif.

"This is where you can lay the groundwork," Atlanta GM John Schuerholz said. "I don't think you'll see a lot of action here because there are too many dynamic free agents still out there."

Carlos Delgado, Nomar Garciaparra, Troy Glaus and Martinez are among the elite players eligible. Only their former teams can

talk money with free agents until Friday. Just to be sure, baseball sent out a two-page memo to clubs last week reminding them no collusion is allowed on offers.

The Yankees figure to make an impact sometime before opening day. That could mean trying to lure Martinez away from the Red Sox and perhaps making a trade to get Johnson from Arizona.

Yankees GM Brian Cashman said he'd spoken to most teams before flying south, with talks in the initial stages.

"The way these winters have gone, things don't move too swiftly," he said.

Speculation kept swirling about a blockbuster trade that would send Sammy Sosa from the Chicago Cubs to the Los Angeles Dodgers for Shawn Green in a swap of big hitters.

But Sosa's contract is complex, and his agent did not foresee the slugger going anywhere.

"I just think it's unlikely," Adam Katz said. "There are too many intricacies involved. And besides that, no one has called me. No one. I think I would've heard by now."

D.C. council set to vote on stadium

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mayor Anthony A. Williams predicted Monday he has enough votes in the District of Columbia Council to approve financing for a ballpark for the Expos in the location agreed to in the team's contract to relocate to the capital.

The Council plans to vote Tuesday, and seven votes are needed for approval.

Council Chair Linda Cropp, saying the site south of the Capital along the Anacostia River waterfront would be too costly, proposed an alternative plan Friday to construct a stadium next to RFK Stadium. The Expos' contract with Washington calls for financing to be effected by Dec. 31 and does not allow a change in site without the team's approval.

Williams gathered 20 business leaders at a news conference to demonstrate support for his proposal for a \$435 million stadium.

"When it comes to jobs, when it comes to development, when it comes to urban revitalization, this is the site," Williams said, adding that the RFK site wouldn't bring the same benefits. "It will lift up an entire section of our city."

The mayor said he expects the baseball commissioner's office, which operates the Expos on behalf of the other 29 teams, told



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him that the RFK site would be a deal-breaker.

Anaheim will fight Angels if team attempts name change

LOS ANGELES — The city of Anaheim will resist any attempt by the Angels to change their name to the Los Angeles Angels. The franchise began play as the Los Angeles Angels in 1961, became the California Angels when it moved to Anaheim in 1966 and has been the Anaheim Angels since 1997.

The possibility of a name change was first reported in May. On Sunday, the Los Angeles Times quoted an unidentified high-ranking baseball official as saying baseball commissioner Bud Selig has given permission to Angels owner Arte Moreno to rename the team.

Angels president Dennis Kuhl declined comment Monday.

Padres trade Long to Royals

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Padres traded one of their extra outfielders, Terrence Long, to Kansas City for left-hander Darrell May and right-hander Ryan Buick on Monday.

The Royals also obtained right-hander Dennis Tankersley. May will help the Padres a starter who has averaged closed to 200 innings the last two seasons, while Buick gives the Padres a power arm out of the bullpen.

May went 9-19 with a 5.61 ERA in 31 starts in 2004. He threw three complete games, including a five-hit shutout of the Baltimore Orioles on June 9.

Buick appeared in nine games for the Royals last season, going 0-0 with a 3.68 ERA and one save.

Long batted 295 with three home runs and 28 RBIs. He and catcher Ramon Martinez were obtained from Oakland in November 2003 for center fielder Mark Kotary.

Schilling has ankle surgery

BOSTON — Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling had surgery to repair his injured right ankle Tuesday.

Schilling pitched Game 6 of the American League Championship Series and Game 2 of the World Series last month with the torn sheath of his ankle tendon stitched into place so it wouldn't flop over the bone when he pitched.

The Red Sox won both games, setting the stage for Boston's first World Series championship in 86 years.

Close, but still no win for Warriors

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Golden State is getting closer to its first victory under new coach Mike Montgomery.

One miserable quarter cost the Warriors on Monday night, but they still forced overtime and almost extended the game again before losing 101-98 to the undefeated Dallas Mavericks.

"If we keep playing with that kind of effort, we'll be fine," Montgomery said. "We made some mistakes at the end that cost us, but I think we're making progress. This is something to build on."

Dallas, which trailed by 17 points in the first half, led for good after Dirk Nowitzki hit an 18-foot fadeaway jumper on the first overtime possession.

But the Warriors weren't done until Jason Richardson's three-pointer from the top of the key hit the front of the rim as time expired in overtime. He forced the extra period with a three-pointer from the corner despite being double-teamed with 12 seconds left in regulation.

"Coming close is no consolation," Richardson said. "It could be ugly, it could be pretty, we don't care. We're searching for a victory."

The Mavericks are 4-0 for only the third time. And they still haven't allowed 100 points in a game.

During the last 100 as Stanford's coach, Montgomery had just one losing record. He didn't lose more than four games in each of his first three seasons. But his losing record over the Warriors, Golden State hasn't reached the playoffs since 1994 under coach Don Nelson, now in his eighth season in Dallas.

"I don't like losing, but we are in this together," Montgomery said. "It's hard every time you lose. You second-guess yourself. The effort is there, we can live with that."

Golden State gave up a 57-43 halftime lead when it scored just 10 points on 3-for-23 shooting in the third quarter, with one field goal coming on a goaltending call.

It was the Warriors' 12th straight loss in Dallas since April 1999, and their 21st in 22 games against the Mavericks.

Nowitzki had 25 points, including nine in the third quarter, and 10 rebounds. Michael Finley had 17 points even though he missed 17 of 22 shots, and Josh Howard had 14 points and 13 rebounds.

"We'll take it. But we know we didn't play a complete game, and it almost cost us," Finley said. "We were playing their record instead of their team. ... At least we showed we can win in an adverse situation."

Marquis Daniels made two free throws with 49 seconds left in the third to put the Mavericks ahead 68-67 — their first lead since the opening minutes. Neither team was more than three in the fourth quarter.

Richardson led the Warriors with 25 points and 10 rebounds.



Roundup

Derek Fisher had 23 points — just six after halftime and none in overtime.

Erick Dampier, traded from Golden State to Dallas during the summer, made a short hook shot with 1:05 left in regulation to put Dallas ahead 86-85. Dampier finished with six points and five rebounds in 29 minutes, two days after a 13-point, 18-rebound game against Memphis.

After Finley hit two free throws with 16 seconds left, Richardson tied it 88-all from the left corner over Finley and Daniels. Nowitzki's 20-foot shot hit the rim as time expired.

Golden State played the first of four road games in six days after losing its first three games at home.

Jazz 102, Nuggets 91: Andrei Kirilenko scored 24 points to help Utah beat visiting Denver and improve to 4-0.

Mehmet Okur had his best game since joining the Jazz with 12 points and nine rebounds, and Raja Bell added 17 points. The Jazz swept the home-and-home series with the Nuggets, who edged Utah for the final playoff spot last season.

Utah's Okur scored at least 100 points in each of its first four games.

Denver fell to 1-3 after struggling from the floor again. The Nuggets shot 42 percent, their best shooting performance of the young season.

Carmelo Anthony led the Nuggets with 17 points and eight rebounds, scoring 12 in the final period as the Nuggets tried to come back after falling behind by 22.

Pistons 99, Clippers 96 (2OT): Chauncey Billups scored four of his 20 points on free throws in the final 45 seconds of the second overtime, and Richard Hamilton also scored 20 in visiting Detroit's victory over Los Angeles.

The five Detroit starters scored in double figures for the fourth straight game. Ben Wallace scored 15 points and grabbed 14 rebounds after learning of the death of his brother, Sam Jr., who died Monday morning in Alabama.

Hamilton missed 10 of his first 12 shots as the defending NBA champion Pistons shot 41.8 percent. Chauncey Billups launched a 27-foot airball from the right sideline in the first quarter.

Corey Maggette had 25 points and a career-high 19 rebounds for the Clippers, but missed a three-point shot at the buzzer that would have tied the game. Chris Bosh had 24 points and Elton Brand scored 21.

Hamilton and Tayshaun Prince picked up their sixth fouls in the final three minutes of the second OT, but the Clippers went the final 2:45 without a field goal and finished with 27 turnovers.



Dallas forward Dirk Nowitzki, who scored 25 points, put the Mavericks ahead for good with a jumper in overtime Monday night in Dallas. The Mavericks defeated the Golden State Warriors 101-98.

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	3	0	100%
Boston	1	3	25%
New York	1	3	25%
Philadelphia	1	3	25%
New Jersey	0	2	0%
New York	0	2	0%
Southeast Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	3	0	100%
Orlando	2	1	66.7%
Washington	1	2	33.3%
Charlotte	1	2	33.3%
Atlanta	1	2	33.3%
Central Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	3	0	100%
Detroit	2	1	66.7%
Portland	1	2	33.3%
Milwaukee	1	2	33.3%
Chicago	0	2	0%
Cleveland	0	2	0%

Western Conference

Southwest Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	4	0	100%
San Antonio	2	2	50%
Houston	2	2	50%
Memphis	0	2	0%
Northwest Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	3	0	100%
Minnesota	2	1	66.7%
Portland	1	2	33.3%
Seattle	1	2	33.3%
Denver	1	2	33.3%
Pacific Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	2	0	100%
L.A. Clippers	2	0	100%
L.A. Lakers	2	0	100%
Sacramento	0	2	0%
Golden State	0	4	0%

Monday's games			
W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas 101, Golden State 98, OT			
Utah 102, Denver 91			
Wednesday's games			
W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas at Orlando			
Cleveland at Boston			
Philadelphia at New York			
Portland at Indiana			
Indiana at Minnesota			
Lakers at New Orleans			
Phoenix at Chicago			
Memphis at Houston			
Seattle at Denver			
Toronto at Sacramento			

Thursday's games			
W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando at Washington			
Portland at Boston			
New Jersey at Philadelphia			
Phoenix at Cleveland			
Charlotte at Milwaukee			
Golden State at San Antonio			
Toronto at Utah			
Sacramento at Seattle			
Friday's games			
W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas at Miami			
Minnesota at Houston			
Detroit at Denver			

Monday

Mavs 101, Warriors 98 (OT)

Golden State — Murphy 6-10 18 15, Duniway 5-20 24 13, Foyle 9-14 4 4, Fisher 6-23 11 13, Richardson 11-25 12 12, Galle 2-6 10 0, Cheneay 3-5 0-0, Najera 0-1 0-0 0, Scola 2-4 2-2 6, Robinson 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 88-123 21 38.

Dallas — Howard 6-10 14 14, Nowitzki 17-28 17 18, Harris 7-18 0-8, Skachkone 1-4 2 4, Bell 5-6 10 0, Terry 3-9 6 6 2, Henderson 13-34 9, Daniels 15-4-4-6, Totals 92-131 10.

Golden State — 32 18 21 38 — 98

Dallas — 15 25 24 15 — 101

Three-point Goals — Golden State 4-10 (Howard 3, Duniway 1, Robinson 1, Fisher 0-0, Dallas 4-10 (Harris 2-4, Howard 1-2, Foyle 1-0, Daniels 0-1, Skachkone 0-1, Nowitzki 0-2, Terry 0-3), Fouled out — Foyle, Rebounds — Golden State (6 (Richardson 10), Dallas (4 (Howard) 13), Assists — Golden State 16 (Fisher 9), Dallas 13 (Finley, Nowitzki, Dampier, Harris, Terry 2), Total fouls — Golden State 28, Dallas 23, A-19-27 (19-20).

Jazz 102, Nuggets 91

Denver — Anthony 5-14 7 17, Martin 4-6 14 4, Camby 4-6 8-8, Miller 4-12 3-6 11, Budacer 4-3 3 11, White 3-8 0-0 5, Boykins 3-6 7 17, Elgin 1-5 0-2, Russell 3-5 2 9, Totals 87-116 36 91.

Utah — Kirilenko 8-12 7 22, Booser 1-5 2 4, Collins 5-7 2 12, McLeod 1-4 1 2 1, Givens 5-8 2 14, Easley 3-8 3-4 8, Bell 6-14 2 7 17, Hanning 2-7 1 17, Okur 4-6 4 12, Totals 87-116 36 91.

Utah — 27 25 20 30 — 102

Three-point Goals — Denver 1-10 (Givens 2, Russell 2, Boykins 1, White 1-0, Miller 0-1, Martin 0-1), Dallas 2-6 (Bell 2, Givens 0-0, Ham 2-0), Total fouls — Denver 25, Utah 36, Technical fouls — Denver 25, Utah 36.

Pistons 99, Clippers 96 (2OT)

Detroit — Price 5-9 11 10, R.Wallace 9-19 0-18, B.Wallace 5-9 5 11, Hamilton 2-8 2-8, Billups 4-10 10 30, McDyess 1-5 0-2, Delino 0-0 0-0, Ham 2-3 2-4 6, C.Camp 1-2 0-2, Ham 2-3 2-4 6, Totals 99-124 36 99.

L.A. Clippers — Simmons 3-10 2 3, Brand 8-7 5 7 11, Wilcox 10-14 4-4 24, Maggette 6-15 15 15, J. Wallace 5-12 2 12, Livingston 1-2 1 2, Moore 1-2 0-2, Branson 0-1 0-0, Delino 0-0 0-0, Totals 96-124 36 96.

Detroit — 28 24 21 26 — 99

Three-point Goals — Detroit 3-13 (Billups 2, Hamilton 1, Maggette 1, R.Wallace 1), Clippers 2-11 (Simmons 1, J. Wallace 1, Brand 1, Hamilton 1, Prince, Simmons, Rebounds — Detroit 34 (Billups 10), L.A. Clippers 26 (C.Camp 10, Hamilton 10, Simmons 10), Assists — Detroit 23 (Billups 9), L.A. Clippers 19 (C.Camp 5, Hamilton 5, Simmons 5, Brand 4), Total fouls — Detroit 33, Clippers 33, Technicals — Billups, R.Wallace, L.A. Clippers coach Duniway, Wilcox. A-18-66 (18-64).

Nuggets' G Lenard out at least six months

The Associated Press

DENVER — Nuggets shooting guard Voshon Lenard will be sidelined at least six months after surgery Monday on his torn right knee.

Lenard left Achilles' tendon.

NBA briefs

Lenard was injured Nov. 2, in Denver's season-opening loss to the Los Angeles Lakers.

He averaged 14.2 points, 2.7 rebounds and 2.1 assists last season, helping the Nuggets reach the playoffs for the first time in a decade.

Denver is 1-3 after Monday night's 102-91 loss to the Utah Jazz in Salt Lake City.

Outlaw rejoins Suns; Tabuse out on injured list

PHOENIX — Bo Outlaw signed a one-year contract Monday to rejoin the Phoenix Suns, who missed his tough post play last season.

The Suns said the 6-foot-8 forward would join them for Tuesday night's game at the Chicago Bulls.

To make room, the Suns placed guard Yuta Tabuse, the first Japanese-born player to make an NBA roster, on the injured list with a right quadriceps strain.

During 33, won fans for his defense and hard-nosed play, Outlaw has teamed with Phoenix, when he averaged 4.7 points and 4.6 rebounds.

He received the Dan Majerle Hustle Award for the 2002-03 season. But the Suns dealt Outlaw and center Jake Tsakalidis to Memphis for Brevin Knight, Robert Archibald and Casey Trybanski on Sept. 30, 2003.

He averaged 6.0 points and 5.3 rebounds with Memphis, which released him Nov. 1.

Ben Wallace to miss time after brother's death

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Ben Wallace is expected to miss at least two road games for the Detroit Pistons following the death of his brother in Alabama.

Wallace scored 15 points and grabbed 14 rebounds Monday night in Detroit's 99-96 double-overtime victory over the Los Angeles Clippers after learning of the death of his brother, Sam Jr., 61, who died Monday morning.

His brother had been battling brain cancer.

Wallace was expected to miss games Thursday at Denver and Saturday at Utah, the Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News reported. He was to travel to White Hall, Ala., to be with his family.

Miami: Dolphins headed toward losing season

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Dolphins fans were aware of Wannstedt's tenuous situation and rising discontent among fans. "I feel sorry for the guy because he's a first-class guy," cornerback Patrick Surtain said after Sunday's defeat. "It's not like guys aren't going out there giving 100 percent and laying it on the line for him. We're doing it all — getting holding penalties, offsides, we're doing crazy stuff. How can he control that when he's on the sidelines?"

Wannstedt barely avoided being fired after last season, when Miami failed to reach the playoffs for the second year in a row.

Huizenga decided to keep Wannstedt but stripped him of authority over personnel decisions.

Little has gone right for Miami since Wannstedt was twice forced to change offensive coordinators during the offseason, and Williams abruptly retired just before training camp. Receiver David Boston, the top offseason acquisition, suffered a season-ending knee injury before the first training camp.

That was the start of an injury wave, and the Dolphins have had the worst start in their 39-year his-

tory. They haven't had a losing season since 1988.

Wannstedt, who succeeded Jimmy Johnson in 2000, was 43-33 in Miami. His career NFL record, including six seasons with the Chicago Bears, is 84-90.

The Dolphins won only one playoff game under Wannstedt, and that was four years ago. Even with seven Pro Bowl players in 2002, including NFL rushing champion Williams and sacks leader Jason Taylor, the Dolphins missed the playoffs.

One of Wannstedt's first moves when he became coach was to nudge a 38-year-old Dan Marino into retirement. As a replacement Wannstedt acquired Jay Fiedler, who has never been popular with Dolphins fans.

Huizenga, who became sole owner of the Dolphins in 1994, has been through three coaches in pursuit of a title. He traded Shula into retirement after the 1995 season, and Johnson called it quits four years later.

Speculation regarding the next coach began weeks ago, with LSU's Nick Saban, Philadelphia Eagles offensive coordinator Brad Childress and New England Patriots offensive coordinator Charlie Weis mentioned as possibilities.

Fox, CBS extend deals to broadcast NFL games

BY BARRY WILNER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — CBS got what it wanted, Fox did, too.

So did the NFL.

Now it's ABC/ESPN's turn.

The NFL, eager to get new TV deals in place before the current contract runs out after the 2005 season, agreed Monday to \$8 billion in extensions with Fox and CBS to televise Sunday afternoon games for six more years. The deals also would allow the league to show better matchups late in the season in prime time.

"Our goal in the negotiations has been to continue to deliver our games to the widest possible audience," Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said. "The agreements underscore a unique commitment to broadcast television that no other sport has."

The current eight-year contract was worth \$17.6 billion, including Sunday night (on ESPN) and Monday night (on ABC) packages. The extensions will run through 2011 and represent a 25 percent increase in rights fees.

The breakdown, according to an official within the league who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity: Fox will pay \$4.3 billion, or \$112.5 million per game for the NFC games;

CBS will pay \$3.7 billion, or \$62.5 million a year. In the current deal, Fox is paying \$550 million a year and CBS is paying \$500 million.

"We're extremely excited to have a new six-year deal with NFL," CBS co-president Leslie Moonves said. "This happened ahead of when we thought it would happen, but we are thrilled with the deal we made."

"We made money on the last deal and will make even more on this deal."

The league still is in talks for the prime-time packages. The exclusive negotiating period for ABC/ESPN extends for nearly another year. But there's been speculation other networks, even cable entities, might challenge for the Sunday night and Monday night packages.

A unique aspect of the extensions — and something Tagliabue has sought for several years — gives the NFL the option to move seven late-season matchups from Sunday to Monday night to feature more attractive matchups.

The NFL also can develop late-season prime-time satellite or cable packages of eight games, which would be televised on Thursdays and Saturdays. Or the league could take those eight games and show them regionally in prime-time telecasts on Sundays and Mondays.

"We got some protections," Fox Sports chairman David Hill said. "The last several weeks of the season, the NFL has the right to pull a game for Monday Night Football, and we're still in conversation on [details]."

DirectTV also extended its deal with the league through 2010 for the Sunday Ticket package. The satellite distributor will pay \$3.5 billion for the five-year extension.

CBS continues to televise AFC games, a package it acquired in 1998. CBS handled NFL games from 1956 through the 1970 merger, then took over the NFC until 1993, when Fox outbid CBS for that package.

CBS then outbid NBC for the AFC games.

Tagliabue said there will be no changes in the traditional Sunday afternoon kickoff times for regular-season games.

Each network gets two Super Bowls during the contract period. CBS will do the game on Feb. 4, 2007 from Miami, and Fox will handle the game a year later from the Phoenix area. The other Super Bowls for the networks will be assigned later.

The agreements also include a commitment by CBS and Fox to phase in high-definition coverage for all games and introduce new interactive elements to NFL game telecasts.

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Martz rips Rams, ponders changes

BY R.B. FALLSTROM

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Mike Martz is tired of taking the heat for the St. Louis Rams, and he's ready to make changes if his players don't start performing to their ability.

"You guys have been here with me long enough to know that I've never tried to mislead you or sugarcoat anything," the coach told reporters. "If I've screwed something up I'll tell you, and you try to take a bullet whenever you can to help them."

"There comes a time when some of these guys have just got to play."

A 40-22 loss to the New England Patriots on Sunday left the Rams with two dispiriting losses in a row and a 4-4 record.

Martz said he discussed a number of changes, which he did not disclose, in a morning meeting with his players. Offensive tackle Grant Williams is the most culpable player on a struggling line that allowed five sacks, and he is most likely to lose a starting job.

The Rams also lost 31-14 at previously winless Miami two weeks ago. They had been 4-0 after a bye under Martz before losing on Sunday.

"We understand what our problems are and what we need to ad-

dress," Martz said. "There may be some personnel changes."

Martz said he's long been aware of potential trouble spots on the team. Williams is a stand-in starter for Kyle Turley, out for the season with a back injury, for instance.

The line was so porous against the Patriots that one of the sacks on Mark Bulger came with the Rams in what he referred to as "max protection, meaning at least two extra blockers. Martz said it wasn't a case of Patriots coach Bill Belichick coming up with "magical schemes."

Against the Patriots, Martz found other areas of concern.

"There's some things that rose up in this game that I didn't believe was a problem in the past," Martz said. "We know we've got some weaknesses in certain areas that we've tried to cover up a little bit."

"There's some areas we've played very well that did not play well in this game."

Several players vented their frustrations in the locker room Sunday. Defensive tackle Tyoka Jackson, normally the team's most eloquent spokesman, peppered his language with four-letter words.

On Monday, it was Martz's turn to vent.

"Players make plays; that's just the way it is," he said. "That's not a cop-out or brushing it off onto these guys, but I'm upset."

"We've got some guys we're counting on, and they've got to step up."

Another area that could see some changes is the defensive line, which includes three No. 1 draft picks. New England's Corey Dillon had 112 yards rushing, and he's the fourth option to rush for 100 yards in eight games.

Jimmy Kennedy, the Rams' top pick last year, returned from a broken foot sustained in training camp on Sunday and could get more playing time.

Special teams have struggled all season. It was especially glaring Sunday when no one covered Troy Brown on a touchdown pass from Patriots kicker Adam Vannatter on a fake field goal in the third quarter.

Martz said the two cornerbacks decided to switch sides because one of them had a banged-up shoulder, and they didn't complete the switch in time. But he also said the Rams practiced defending that trick play several times.

"You need to see it and just burn a timeout," Martz said. "Just unexcusable, really. That's something we practiced, and not just once. I really am kind of at a loss for words on that one."

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Colts stop Vikings on last-second FG

By DAVE GOLDBERG

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Even with Peyton Manning's usual heroics and an unusually decent effort from their defense, the Indianapolis Colts still needed Mike Vanderjag's leg.

Manning threw four touchdown passes, and Vanderjag kicked a 35-yard field goal with two seconds left to give the Colts a 31-28 win over Minnesota on Monday night. The kick capped a late duel between Manning and Daunte Culpepper — the teams combining score on five straight possessions after an unexpectedly low-scoring start between two defense-minded but relatively defenseless teams.

Still, it was the Colts' special teams as much as the defense that allowed the Vikings to stay in the game, giving up a 91-yard punt return for a touchdown to Nate Burleson and a 51-yard kickoff return that set up a field goal. The defense, which allowed 45 points and 590 yards in Kansas City last week, surrendered only 17 points and 292 yards.

"Our defense did an excellent job slowing them down at times," Manning, who has 26 TD passes this season, three short of his output all of last year.

Added coach Tony Dungy: "We were better. They're an explosive offense and we held the running game till the very end. Overall, I thought we played faster and smarter."

Manning, last year's co-MVP, also used his legs on the nine-play, 53-yard drive for the winning score, scrambling for 15 yards and getting 15 more when Lance Johnstone was penalized for landing on him after he slid to



Colts running back Edgerrin James breaks away from Vikings defender Brian Williams on his way to a first down in the fourth quarter.

the ground. And Manning, who finished 23-of-29 for 268 yards, evened a left-handed shovel pass to Edgerrin James to pick up a first down on the winning series.

Then the outcome was left to Vanderjag's foot.

"I've only had eight field goal attempts this year, so you kind of lose your rhythm," said Vanderjag, who made all 37 attempts last year but missed a game-tying try in New En-

gland on opening night. "You've just got to prepare yourself for it because it's not as easy as everyone thinks. It's not as much physical as it is mental."

The win ended a two-game tie for the Colts (5-3) and put them in the lead with Jacksonville for the lead in the AFC South.

The Vikings (5-3) lost their second straight and now head to Green Bay for an NFC North showdown Sunday.

Minnesota coach Mike Tice called Manning's left-handed pass "an outstanding play." "I love watching him," he said of the Colts QB. "Unfortunately, I was not watching him on TV."

With the game tied 21-21, Manning threw a 19-yard TD pass to Marcus Pollard with 7:24 left.

Culpepper was 16-of-19 for 169 yards and two touchdowns despite playing without injured star receiver Randy Moss. He took the pass from Manning early in the third quarter. Smith scurried on a 32-yard run with 2:54 left. Culpepper set it up by rolling out for 9 yards on fourth-and-1 from the Indianapolis 43, then scrambling for 10 yards on the next play.

"Randy is a factor," Smith said. "It hurts, but at the same time other guys have got to step it up. Some guys did."

Manning finished with two TD passes to Pollard and one each to Reggie Wayne and Dallas Clark. Marvin Harrison got to 800 catches quicker than any receiver in NFL history and set another record when he caught his 664th pass from Manning early in the third quarter — the most ever by any passer-receiver combination.

Contenders lose QBs; Strahan out for season

The Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — When Chad Pennington got hurt last week, the New York Jets had had hard winning games. They hope things go differently this time around.

Pennington was out to four weeks with a strained right rotator cuff, leaving former Cowboys starter Quincy Carter to handle the offense.

Pennington was hurt in the first quarter of a 22-17 loss to Buffalo on Sunday when he scrambled up the middle for a 12-yard gain. He kept playing, but his arm started to stiffen and he left the game in the fourth quarter after his last two drives ended with an interception and a 13-yard sack.

An MRI exam Monday revealed the strain. Pennington started rehabbing immediately to regain the strength in his arm. The Jets probably will run a scaled-down version of their offense behind Carter, a scrambling quarterback with little experience in the West Coast offense.

Last year, Pennington broke his left wrist in the preseason and missed the first six games. Without him, the Jets struggled and finished 6-10.

"Anytime your starting quarterback gets hurt guys are pretty disappointed, but you still have another player to play in the game and you're going to go with it and that is what we are going to do," center Kevin Mawae said. "Chad will come back when he is ready to come back and until then, we have full confidence in Quincy to get the job done."

Chad Pennington reacts after he was replaced by Quincy Carter during the fourth quarter of the Jets' loss in Buffalo on Sunday.

Leftwich to miss two games

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Jaguars quarterback Byron Leftwich probably will miss two games with a sprained left knee. Leftwich was re-evaluated Monday, and doctors determined there was no need for surgery. But he will remain in a brace and on crutches this week.

Backup David Garrard will make his second career start Sunday against Detroit.

Leftwich, who has completed 64.8 percent of his passes for 1,891 yards and nine touchdowns, sprained the lateral collateral ligament in his left knee Oct. 31 at Houston. Jacksonville had a bye Sunday.

Strahan out for season

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — All-Pro Michael Strahan will miss the rest of the season with a torn

muscle in his chest, leaving the New York Giants without both starting defensive ends.

Strahan, the NFL's all-time single-season sacks leader, was hurt Sunday in the third quarter of a 28-21 loss to the Chicago Bears.

The 12-year veteran reached out with his arm to attempt a tackle on Anthony Thomas and his arm was bent back as the running back cut inside.

Surgery will be performed Wednesday.

The news was doubly bad for the Giants because Keith Washington tore an anterior cruciate ligament in his left leg against the Bears. He also will miss the rest of the season.

Holmes has strained MCL

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Priest Holmes has strained ligaments in his right knee and might not be able to play next Sunday at New Orleans.

The star running back held Sunday's loss to Tampa Bay in the third quarter. His injury was first said to be a bruised knee, but the team learned Monday that Holmes has a strained MCL.

"The extent of the strain will only be known after a period of days," coach Dick Vermeil said. "We'll go ahead and prepare as if he's not going to be there."

Coleman practicing with Falcons

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — After 23 days of rest and rehab from a single-car accident, Rod Coleman returned to practice Monday.

The sixth-year defensive tackle practiced with a brace on his left knee, but does not know if he will use Sunday when the Falcons (6-2) host Tampa Bay (3-5). Cole-

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by the team's prognosis. (See Friday's edition for complete injury report provided by the league.)

Bears QB Craig Kerkorian (ribs) probable.

Raiders G Ron Stone (knee) out 4-6 weeks.

Indians RB Dan Lincecum (bruised knee) out 2-3 weeks.

Browns RB Cedric Benson (knee) out 4-6 weeks.

Redskins QB John Elway (groin) out 4-6 weeks.

Colts RB Reggie Wayne (triceps strain) questionable.

Giants RB Keith Washington (ACL) out 6-12 weeks.

Jets QB Chad Pennington (rotator cuff) out 4-6 weeks.

Patriots QB Tom Brady (concussion) out 1-2 weeks.

Seahawks QB Matt Cassel (concussion) out 1-2 weeks.

Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger (concussion) out 1-2 weeks.

Texans QB Matt Schaub (concussion) out 1-2 weeks.

Vikings QB Daunte Culpepper (rotator cuff) out 4-6 weeks.

Washington QB Jason Campbell (concussion) out 1-2 weeks.

Wizards QB Tim Lincecum (knee) out 4-6 weeks.

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NFL scoreboard

American Conference

	East					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	1	0	.875	208	146
N.Y. Jets	6	2	0	.750	185	138
Buffalo	3	5	0	.375	137	137
Miami	1	8	0	.111	123	185
	South					
Indianapolis	5	3	0	.625	249	206
Jacksonville	5	3	0	.625	128	146
Houston	4	4	0	.500	171	174
Tennessee	3	5	0	.375	151	178
	North					
Pittsburgh	7	1	0	.875	197	137
Baltimore	5	3	0	.625	154	113
Cincinnati	3	5	0	.375	152	169
Cleveland	3	5	0	.375	160	174

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	6	3	0	.667	199	154
San Diego	6	3	0	.667	211	171
Kansas City	3	6	0	.375	171	211
Oakland	3	6	0	.375	105	247

National Conference

National Conference						
	East					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	7	1	0	.875	189	141
N.Y. Giants	5	3	0	.625	172	141
Dallas	3	5	0	.375	141	203
Washington	3	5	0	.375	115	133
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
	6	2	0	.750	170	107
	3	6	0	.375	171	234
	3	5	0	.375	143	193
	1	7	0	.125	124	185
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
	6	3	0	.625	211	163
	4	4	0	.500	147	147
	4	4	0	.500	206	246
	3	5	0	.375	150	165
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
	5	3	0	.625	194	185
St. Louis	4	4	0	.500	180	205
Arizona	3	5	0	.375	150	165
San Francisco	3	7	0	.375	125	145

Sunday games

Washington 17, Detroit 10	Arizona 27, Oakland 24
Buffalo 22, N.Y. Jets 17	Cincinnati 26, Dallas 3
Oakland 27, Carolina 24	Pittsburgh 27, Philadelphia 13
Tampa Bay 24, Kansas City 13	Chicago 26, N.Y. Giants 21
San Francisco 21, San Diego 41	New Orleans 17, Seattle 13
New England 40, St. Louis 22	Baltimore 27, Cleveland 13
Open: Green Bay, Atlanta, Jacksonville, Tennessee	Monday's game
Indianapolis 31, Minnesota 28	Philadelphia 31, Atlanta 10

Monday games

Chicago at Tennessee	Houston at Indianapolis
Baltimore at N.Y. Jets	Seattle at St. Louis
Tampa Bay at Atlanta	Detroit at Jacksonville
San Francisco at New Orleans	Pittsburgh at Philadelphia
Cincinnati at Washington	N.Y. Giants at Arizona
Minnesota at Green Bay	Carolina at San Francisco
Open: Miami, Denver, Oakland, San Diego	Monday, Nov. 15
Philadelphia at Dallas	

Colts 31, Vikings 28

Minnesota	6	8	14-28
Indianapolis	3	7	7-11

First Quarter

Ind.-Wayne 5 pass from Manning (Vanderjag kick), 9:59

Second Quarter

Ind.-Pollard 14 pass from Manning (Vanderjag kick), 14:51

Min.-FG Anderson 21, 20:30

Third Quarter

Min.-Burleson 51 pass from Culpepper (kick), 10:40

Ind.-Vanderjag 35 pass from Manning (Vanderjag kick), 10:47

Fourth Quarter

Min.-Burleson 8 pass from Culpepper (Vanderjag kick), 7:24

Ind.-Pollard 19 pass from Manning (Vanderjag kick), 7:24

Min.-O. Smith 24 pass from Culpepper (Vanderjag kick), 2:54

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Losing becoming norm for 49ers

Now 1-7, San Francisco headed toward worst season since 1979

By GREG BEACHAM

The Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Unless the second half of the San Francisco 49ers' season is better than the first, they're headed for the worst record in franchise history.

A strong offensive performance couldn't overcome porous defense and a handful of key mistakes in a 42-17 loss to Seattle on Sunday.

The Niners fell to 1-7 with their third straight defeat.

So it was more of the same for the players and coaches Monday, patching new holes in their schemes and trying to stay motivated during the club's worst start since 1979. San Francisco missed 2:14 that season for the second straight year.

Nobody really expected the Niners' season to be pretty, but it gets uglier with every losing week.

"You never foresee going 1-7," said coach Dennis Erickson, who emphatically denied rumors of his desire to leave the spiraling club after the season. "That's not what I expect. That's not what I expect the rest of the season. I also didn't expect some of the injuries that we have."

"I can only worry about this team. It'd be nice to go 2-7." The 49ers got a boost from the return of quarterback Tim Rattay, who missed the previous

game with a strained forearm. He was 23-for-35 for 259 yards and two touchdowns. San Francisco's linebacker Anthony Simmons intercepted his ill-advised throw and returned it for the clinching touchdown in the fourth quarter.

That's been the story of the 49ers' season — a bunch of small improvements overwhelmed by the enormity of their deficits in talent, coaching or experience.

"We need to stick together as a team," Rattay said.

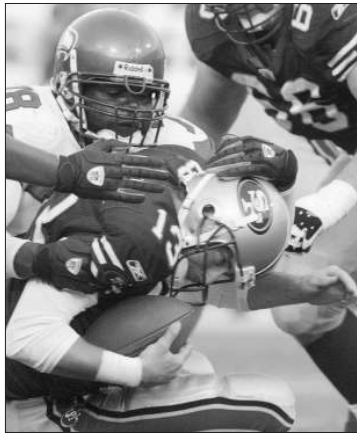
"Everybody has to get through this thing and make sure there's no lapses in practice or intensity. We've got to just stick together and keep working, because we've got a lot of games left."

Receiver Curtis Conway, one of the 49ers' few veterans, inspired his teammates with a superb effort to score a 28-yard touchdown on a short pass in the first quarter. Conway caught the ball underneath the secondary after a blitz left the middle of the field empty — and instead of taking the ball out of bounds inside the 5, he bulled over a defensive back to reach the end zone.

Rattay got fired up just watching the move.

"He's been an asset to us ever since he got here," Rattay said. "He's always where he's supposed to be, making plays and catching the ball."

After stunts with Chicago, San Diego and the New York Jets, Conway doesn't find it difficult to



San Francisco 49ers quarterback Tim Rattay is sacked by Seattle Seahawks' Antonio Cochran during the fourth quarter Sunday in San Francisco. The Seahawks won 42-27, dropping the 49ers to 1-7.

stay motivated despite the 49ers' losses. He has played on other bad teams, and his work ethic comes from within, not his club's position in the standings.

"I'm not real vocal," he said. "I try to lead by example in practice in every aspect. I just hope the good things are rubbing off. I'm not perfect, but I've been around long enough to know we've got a lot of games to play. I've been in this situation on both sides."

But Conway could see limited playing time later in the season.

Though Erickson says all the right things about using the play-

ers who give him the best chance to win, he also plans to get first-round draft pick Rashawn Woods into action more frequently.

Woods didn't play against the Seahawks, but Conway and Erickson both praised his improved work ethic in practice. Conway doesn't mind helping out the 49ers' young players on occasion, but he's more interested in playing, not mentoring.

"These guys play the game like it's supposed to be played," he said. "I'm just here in case they need a word of encouragement or something."

Another tough call goes against struggling Browns

By TOM WITHERS

The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Under the bright lights. On national TV. In Baltimore. With the clock winding down. At the goal line.

The Cleveland Browns knew a last-second interference call against Ravens All-World linebacker Ray Lewis on Sunday night would be a long shot — at best.

"They didn't call very many fouls in the last three seconds on Michael Jordan," Browns coach Butch Davis said.

And they didn't. And there was little or no chance that the officials were going to flag Baltimore's No. 52 for grabbing the jersey of Browns tight end Aaron Shea.

Was Lewis guilty? It's debatable.

But TV replays did show he had a handful of Shea's white No. 83 jersey in the two wing diving for Jeff Garcia's pass. It was clear when that Lewis "bug" bothered Shea just enough that the ball bounced off his hands and into those of Ravens safety Ed Reed,



Cleveland Browns coach Butch Davis, right, has words with head linesman Ron Phares after the pass in the end zone and ran it back for a TD in the final minutes Sunday. The Ravens won 27-13.

who intercepted it and ran an NFL-record 106 yards to cap Baltimore's 27-13 victory.

As has happened to the Browns (3-5) so many times over the past few seasons, one play sealed their fate. And like other previous times, it went against them.

However, the Browns weren't whining on Monday. They made enough mistakes — nine penalties, a disastrous 7-yard punt,

dropped passes — to guarantee their third loss in four games.

"I'm not going to blame that call," said kicker Phil Dawson, who made two field goals and extended his league-best streak to 26 straight.

"We've got enough things we can fix on our own to worry about what the officials are calling or not calling."

Still, the late drama between Lewis and Shea was pivotal in a game that Davis said came down to "six plays. Three for them and three for us."

Unable to move Lewis's offense most of the night, Garcia converted three third-down passes and drove the Browns down to the Ravens' 5-yard line with 45 seconds left.

On second down, Garcia zipped his pass over the middle to Shea, who got Lewis to bite on an outside fake and had inside leverage.

Just as Garcia's throw arrived, so did Lewis, who was draped over Shea and made contact.

Based on the league's intent to clean up defensive holding, Davis thought Lewis did enough to warrant a yellow flag.

"They made such an enormous

mistake in the preseason about you cannot breathe on anybody," Davis said. "It doesn't seem to be called that way in the regular season."

As Reed sprinted toward the end zone, Shea and Garcia both argued their case in vain. According to witnesses, Browns defensive coordinator Dave Campo, who was in the coaching box upstairs, came down and confronted the officials afterward.

He wasn't the only one who was upset.

"Everybody saw it," Browns linebacker Andra Davis said. "Everybody knows it was pass interference. We didn't get the call and we lost. Everyone's saying that Ray Lewis grabbed him. If you have eyes, you would have seen it. He pulled him to the ground. They're in their home stadium. We didn't get the call. Game over."

And as a result, the Browns' season could be, too.

After the Steelers (7-1), Cleveland faces the New York Jets (6-2), Cincinnati (3-5) and New England (7-1). Just as the odds of getting the call again Lewis were long, so is making the play-offs.

Victory allows Broncos to relax

By EDDIE PELLIS

The Associated Press

DENVER — Ah, the bye week. It's a chance to take some time off, heal the wounds and get ready for the homestretch of the season. For the Denver Broncos, it's also time to relax, thanks to a victory over Houston that prevented them from heading into the break on a three-game losing streak.

"Obviously, if you go into the bye week with three straight losses, it's very tough mentally on the players and coaches," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said Monday. "You have your backs against the wall."

Instead, the Broncos (6-3) are tied for the division lead with the San Diego Chargers and have plenty of reasons to feel good about themselves after a 31-13 thumping of Houston.

The defense stifled the Texans all day, taking away their one-play, 1-yard touchdown drive. They managed only one sustained scoring drive, which came with Denver ahead 31-7. Jake Plummer threw four touchdowns without any interceptions. Reuben Droughns went over 100 yards for the fourth time in five games. Champ Bailey shut down Houston's star receiver, Andre Johnson (three catches, 28 yards).

In short, Denver looked more like the team that was 5-1, much less like the team that lost two straight before Sunday.

"Now, you get to relax, enjoy the bye week," safety Kenoy Kennedy said. "It's much better than hearing from the coaches about another loss."

When the Browns return to play New Orleans on Nov. 21, they should have safety John Lynch back. He broke the bone above his tailbone last week, but trainer Steve Antropoulos was optimistic the veteran safety would be ready to play against the Saints.

The Broncos will probably remain without defensive end Trevor Pryce. Originally expected to return in mid-November after back surgery, Pryce is now hoping for early December.

When the Browns hit its back is fine," Shanahan said. "It's when he pushes off that he doesn't feel good about that. Hopefully, one day, he comes in and says he feels good about pushing off, and then he's ready to go."

Although the Broncos are ranked fourth in the league in defense and had four sacks against the Texans, they can still use more playmakers like Pryce, especially on defense. They went without a turnover Sunday and still have created only seven all season. They are minus-seven in turnover differential, which is 14th in the AFC, ahead of only Miami and Oakland.

Woods' winning mystique lost in a season of change

BY DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The year wasn't all that bad for Tiger Woods.

He won another World Golf Championship. He married a beautiful Swede and sailed off on his 155-foot yacht. And with top 10s in all but five of the tournaments he played, Woods earned more than \$5.3 million.

What he lost was his mystique. Just about everything Woods had built up over five years was gone when the season ended Sunday at East Lake.

Vijay Singh took the No. 1 ranking from him.

Phil Mickelson replaced him as the man to beat in the majors.

And in the final PGA Tour event of 2004, Retief Goosen muddled Woods' reputation as golf's best closer by turning a four-shot deficit into a four-shot victory in the Tour Championship.

"It was a very successful week as far as progressing in the right direction," Woods said. "But ultimately, it was disappointing because I lost the tournament, especially when I had a golden opportunity to win."

Woods once measured success by green jackets and claret jugs. Now, he celebrates progress.

And in a feeling when Woods narrowly beat Singh as PGA Tour player of the year in 2003 that he had survived his stiffest challenge and would respond by reclaiming his dominance.

Instead, he decided to revamp his swing, which remains a work in progress.

"I figured I had something better within me, so I decided to

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make a change," Woods said. "And here I am."

Exactly where that is depends on perspective, although Woods is nowhere near where anyone imagined at the start of the season.

■ He is No. 2 in the world, moving up one spot by finishing second at East Lake.

■ He was No. 4 on the money list, his lowest position in six years.

■ He has gone 20 stroke-play tournaments without a victory, his longest drought ever.

■ He has gone 10 majors without winning, matching his longest winless streak in Grand Slams.

And the 28-year-old Woods seems to be the only guy not too worried about it.

"You have to understand that there are risks to getting better," Woods said. "I've always taken risks to try and become a better golfer, and that's one of the things that's gotten me as far as I have."

Woods first overhauled his swing after winning the '97 Masters by a record 12 shots. It took him about 18 months to piece everything together with coach Butch Harmon, and the finished product was frightening. He won seven of 11 majors, and 32 times on the PGA Tour during an incredible five-year run.

He was No. 1 in the world by such a monstrous margin that it looked as if he would stay there for life.

Having split up with Harmon, Woods is making his latest change

es with Dallas-based swing coach Hank Haney, whom he met through friend Mark O'Meara.

Exactly what he is changing is not clear. Woods is so protective of his game that he won't say, and he often has his caddie block photographers from getting swing-sequence pictures.

Scrutiny is what made this a tougher year than 1998.

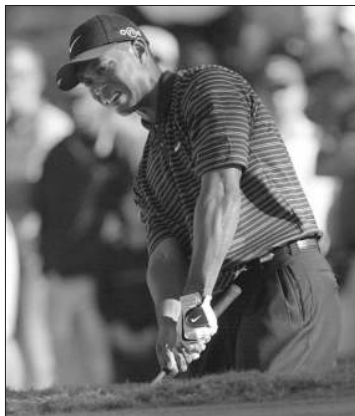
"I was still new back in '97 and '98," he said. "What I did at Augusta was just one week. And then I had that run there for about five years ... and now I've been questioned about it each and every round I've played this year. It's been a lot more frustrating that way because I've had to answer all those questions."

There were early indications that Woods was headed for an ordinary season.

He was charging on the back nine at Torrey Pines in February, two shots behind with the leaders fading fast. Then he missed four straight fairways, took two bogeys and wound up two shots out of a playoff. Going for his fourth straight win at Bay Hill, he wound up tied for 46th, his worst finish of the year.

Then came the red shockers. Woods had gone five years without losing a 36-hole lead. He did it twice on back-to-back weekends in May. The final blow came Sunday at East Lake — only the third time he has lost a 54-hole lead — and it was symbolic of his season.

Woods was tied with Goosen for six holes to play when the South African holed a 35-foot birdie putt on the 13th, got up-and-down for birdie on the 15th, then hit a 5-iron from 195



Tiger Woods, who won one event in 2004 and finished fourth on the PGA Tour money list, was ranked 182nd on tour in driving accuracy (56.1 percent). Woods has said all year that he is going through changes.

yards out of the rough into 3 feet for the only birdie of the day on the 16th.

There was a time when Woods was the guy making the weekly birdies, leaving everyone else to believe they had to play perfect golf to catch him. They usually wound up with bogeys, making Woods' victories look easy.

It was role reversal at East Lake.

Desperate to stay close to the lead, Woods rammed a 25-footer some 6 feet past the cup and missed that one for a three-putt bogey on No. 16 that effectively ended his chances. For good measure, he bogeyed the 17th, too.

Perhaps that alone sums up his year.

In a league of his own for five years, Woods finally looks like everyone else.

"If he wants that title back, he's got a lot of work to do," six-time major winner Nick Faldo said.

Woods does not see this as the end.

He leaves for South Korea this week for a one-day Skins competition that includes Se Ri Pak. He is playing the Dunlop Phoenix next week in Japan. Then he plays the Skins Game (featuring Annika Sorenstam) and his own Target World Challenge.

Winning them all won't change anyone's perception.

All he can hope for now is progress.

Earnhardt hardly feels cursed after penalty

BY MIKE HARRIS
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AVONDALE, Ariz. — Suddenly, the 25 points Dale Earnhardt Jr. lost for uttering a vulgarity during a live TV interview are looming large.

Junior came up with a big victory Sunday at Phoenix International Raceway, leaping from fifth to third in the NASCAR Nextel Cup standings. With only two races left, he trails series leader Kurt Busch by 47 points and second-place Jeff Gordon by six.

Restore the points that Earnhardt was docked for his slip of the tongue after his previous win, Oct. 3 at Talladega, and he would be only 22 points off the pace.

Although he admits he watched his language after his latest victory — the 15th of his career — Junior really hasn't given much thought to the lost points. After all, he points out, even with those 25 points, Earnhardt would still be behind Busch.

"Well, being in second still ain't first, so it really doesn't matter,"

NASCAR TOP 10 NEXTEL Cup Series

Following race 34 of 36

Driver	Points	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Wks. in top 10	Prev. rank
1. Kurt Busch	6,191	3	9	19	33	1
2. Jeff Gordon	6,150	5	14	23	32	3
3. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	6,144	6	16	21	34	5
4. Jimmie Johnson	6,143	7	18	21	32	2
5. Mark Martin	6,089	1	9	14	10	4
6. Tony Stewart	6,049	2	9	18	30	6
7. Ryan Newman	6,041	2	11	14	27	7
8. Elliott Sadler	5,869	2	8	14	34	8
9. Matt Kenseth	5,855	2	8	16	34	9
10. Jeremy Mayfield	5,836	1	5	13	13	10

SOURCE: NASCAR

Earnhardt said after outdueling Gordon at the finish Sunday. "I'm not going to dwell on that."

In fact, Earnhardt figures those missing points could be a PR plus if he doesn't go on to win the championship.

"We all have our secret agen-

das," he said, grinning. "It would be great exposure for my team and my sponsor if we do lose the championship by less than 25 points. ... That will give us all a lot of exposure. I guess, through the winter — probably more than winning the championship."

Joking aside, though, Earnhardt — who trailed Busch by 98 points before Sunday — figured he would need to win at least two of the last three races to have a shot to win his first points title.

So far, so good.

"All we can do is race," Earnhardt said. "We came here and tried to win. We win. That's great. We go on to the next race and do the same."

"But I don't worry about it too much. I don't feel any pressure going into these last two races. We've already had things like the penalty and the mistake I made last week," he added, referring to crashing late in the Atlanta race and turning what looked like a sure top-five finish into 33rd place.

This was Earnhardt's second straight victory on the one-mile Phoenix oval, but he has never won at Darlington or Homestead, sites of the final two events.

"We've got an opportunity, but I'm not going to get all worked up about it," Junior said. "We're just

going to try to race smart and finish good. There is too much going on. So we'll just race each lap at Darlington next Sunday and get out of there. We'll know after Darlington what kind of opportunity we've got at Homestead."

Reminded how much closer Earnhardt would be if not for the 25-point penalty, Busch said, "We would still have the advantage. It really isn't of much relevance right now and I hope that after Homestead we still have that advantage."

"Obviously, they've got to catch us," Busch added. "We're in the best position to continue to move forward. They have to reach out and gain positions and take advantage. It really isn't of much relevance around on the track and put their car in awkward positions."

Meanwhile, Earnhardt expects the questions about those lost points to continue.

"It's not my place to let anybody to let it go," Junior said. "People are going to talk about it. I should consider myself lucky that people are concerned about it. I shouldn't really complain."

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Colts bump off Vikings



Colts Marcus Pollard, right, and Dallas Clark celebrate Pollard's second-quarter touchdown, the first of the three the tight ends scored against the Vikings. Indianapolis won on a late field goal. See Page 28.

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Wannstedt exits Miami

Dolphins coach resigns, accepts responsibility for worst record in NFL

BY STEVEN WINE
The Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — Miami Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt called it quits Tuesday midway through a dismal season that began with the retirement of running back Ricky Williams and has left the team with the NFL's worst record at 1-8.

Defensive coordinator Jim Bates was promoted to interim coach.

"As you might imagine, this was not a very easy decision from a personal standpoint, but I believe it is a proper decision at this time for being a professional," Wannstedt said. "Somebody has to accept the responsibility. I am the head coach and that falls on me."

Wannstedt's resignation came after he met Monday night at the team complex with owner Wayne Huizenga. The timing of the coaching change wasn't surprising, with the Dolphins beginning their bye week.

Dolphins President Eddie Jones said he and Huizenga tried to talk Wannstedt out of quitting, but the coach made the case that his departure would be best for the team.

Bates' first game as interim coach will be Nov. 21 at Seattle. He was head coach of the USFL's San Antonio Gunslingers in 1985 and joined the Dolphins as defensive coordinator when Wannstedt became head coach in 2000.



Dave Wannstedt resigned as coach of the Dolphins, saying his departure was best for the team.

Bates said that while some starters might be benched, major changes are impossible at this point of a season.

"We can't change the offense, we can't change the defense," Bates said.

Wannstedt's final defeat came Sunday, when Miami blew two leads and lost 24-23 to the Arizona Cardinals, who ended a 17-game road losing streak. The Dolphins endured their most lopsided defeat of the season last Monday, 41-14 against the archrival New York Jets.

Wannstedt was just the fourth coach in Dolphins history, and only Don Shula coached the team longer.

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